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Parnassus, Pa.,
June 2, 1915, 10 a. m.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met pursuant to adjournment in Parnassus, Pa., on the above date, and after a sermon by the Moderator, R. Hargrave, from Isaiah 21:11, 12, was by him constituted with prayer.

The roll was completed, and is as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD.

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	Thos. Patton	

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York	J. B. Gilmore	J. W. M. Hart

*Not present at first roll call.

Ministers Absent—J. M. Armour, P. P. Boyd, R. A. Boyd, J. W. F. Carlisle, D. H. Coulter, S. J. Crow, J. W. Dill, D. H. Elliott, D. B. Elsey, D. C. Faris, J. C. K. Faris, J. M. Faris, E. J. Fuersohn, W. S. Fulton, W. H. George, G. N. Greer, J. M. Johnston, J. Kempf, S. F. Kingston, D. C. Martin, G. R. McBurney, Walter McCarroll, A. J. McFarland, Jr., Wm. McFarland, J. S. McGaw, R. J. McIsaac, H. B. McMillan, M. S. McMillan, J. H. Pritchard, J. L. Pinkerton, J. G. Reed, A. I. Robb, T. A. Rusk, S. G. Shaw, T. M. Slater, J. R. W. Stevenson, J. S. Stewart, D. R. Taggart, J. S. Thompson, J. R. Thompson, J. T. Wilson, J. Ralston Wylie—43.

Congregations not represented.—Church Hill, Old Bethel, Selma, Hickory Grove, Rehoboth, Ia., Rehoboth, Pa., Vernon, Hebron, Wahoo, St. Johns, Barnesville, Barnett, First Newburg, Second Newburg, Ryegate, West Hebron, White Lake, Cincinnati, Fairgrove, Jonathan's Creek, Santa Ana, Seattle, Adamsville and Middletown, Oil Creek, Slippery Rock, Lisbon—28.

J. C. French was elected Moderator; G. A. Edgar, Clerk, and F. M. Wilson, Assistant Clerk.

R. A. M. Steele and S. A. S. Metheny and E. L. Dodds were appointed Precentors of Synod.

The Committee on Order of Business reported. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

WEDNESDAY, 10:00 A. M. Sermon by retiring Moderator; Constitution of the Court; Making up the Roll; Election of Officers; Report of Committee on Order of Business; on Devotional Exercises.

2:00 P. M. Committee on Unfinished Business; Synod's Board of Trustees; Board of Church Erection; Board of Control.

THURSDAY, 9:15 A. M. Report of the Board of Foreign Missions; Central Board of Missions; Board of Sustentation; Jewish Mission Board; Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.

2:00 P. M. Report of Committee on Witness Bearing; on Signs of the Times; of Covenanter Members of the National Reform Executive Committee; of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform.

7:30 P. M. Conference on the Use of Tobacco.

FRIDAY, 9:15 A. M. Report of Corporators of Geneva College; Trustees of Geneva College; of Committee on Sabbath Schools; of Secretary of Young People's Societies.

2:00 P. M. Report of Committee on Temperance; on Psalmody, on Evangelistic Work.

7:30 P. M. Conference on Systematic Beneficence.

SATURDAY, 9:15 A. M. Report of Mission Conference; of Presbyteries; of the Stated Clerk; of the Committee on Church Erection.

MONDAY, 9:15 A. M. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions; on Home Missions.

2:00 P. M. Report of Committee on Discipline; on Theological Seminary and Geneva College; on National Reform.

7:30 P. M. Conference on National Reform.

TUESDAY, 9:15 A. M. Report of Committee on Finance; on Traveling Fund.

2:00 P. M. Report of Committees on Records of Presbyteries; on Supplies; on Foreign Correspondence.

We submit the following recommendations:

1. That all speeches be limited to five minutes, but that the Synod give needed time to those who discuss important subjects.

2. That when an evening Conference is given to any subject, all addresses on that subject that may be anticipated be heard in the Conference.

3. That where it is possible reports be cut down before being put into the hands of the printer, and that they be typewritten.

4. That where many names are signed to a report, they be arranged in double column.

W. J. COLEMAN, Ch'rm'n, L. D. BOWSER,
R. J. G. McKNIGHT. J. M. JOHNSTON,

Hours of business were set from 9:15 to 12 in the morning, 2 to 5 in the afternoon, and 7:30 for evening meetings.

Presbyteries were granted permission to sit during the intervals of the sessions of Synod.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported. The report was adopted, and the Clerk was instructed to have printed 300 copies of this report with the Order of Business. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Your Committee on Devotional Exercises would respectfully recommend that the first thirty minutes of each morning session be set apart for devotional exercises, and that the program for these exercises be as follows:

THURSDAY.

"Prayer that we may be Christ-like in holiness."

"For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners." Heb. 7, 26.

"Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." Heb. 12, 4.

Leader.....William A. Aikin

FRIDAY.

"Prayer that we may be Christ-like in mind."

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man he humbled himself and became obedient unto death even the death of the cross." Phil. 2, 5-8.

Leader.....R. J. G. McKnight

SATURDAY.

"Prayer that we may be Christ-like in love."

"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13, 34-35.

Leader.....J. M. Coleman

MONDAY.

"Prayer that we may be Christ-like in obedience."

"And he went a little farther, and fell on his face and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." Matt. 26, 39.

"I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrific, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Rom. 12, 1-2.

Leader.....J. K. Robb

TUESDAY.

"Prayer that we may be Christ-like in spiritual power."

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from high." Lu. 24, 49.

Leader.....T. H. Atcheson

ROBERT PARK,
J. C. McFEETERS,
A. KILPATRICK,
Committee.

Synod took recess till 2 p. m. Prayer by J. H. McBurney.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Synod convened at 2 p. m. A. J. McFarland offered prayer. The roll was called. The following did not answer: H. G. Foster, E. L. McKnight, S. F. Dill, W. J. Wallace, J. Z. Sterrett, R. C. Reed, A. A. Johnston, R. M. Downie, J. H. Haslett, A. M. Allen.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

R. C. Wylie, in behalf of the College Board, extended an invitation to Synod to visit the College at some convenient hour during the sessions of the court.

Jas. A. Black was granted optional attendance.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1, report adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

Your committee would respectfully report that since the last meeting of Synod R. W. Piper was recommended to us by Ohio Presbytery for appointments, and S. B. Houston by Pittsburgh Presbytery. Both these received full schedules of assignments for the portion of the year remaining. Your committee also received applications from a number of men not on the list who desired work, and from some on the list who wished changes in their appointments. Every application received prompt and careful attention, and so far as possible the requests were granted and the desired arrangements made. The names of four ministers were removed from the list of supplies during the year as a result of their settlement as pastors.

D. C. MATHEWS, Chairman.

Item 2, report adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE READING FOLDER.

Your committee would respectfully report that the Bible Reading Folder for 1915 was prepared according to the general plan followed in previous years. In response to requests from various quarters the committee adopted one new feature in the preparation of the folder: the number of verses comprising each reading was reduced to an average of twelve verses. This was done to enlist the interest of those whose time might be limited. The morning readings in the Old Testament extended from 2 Chron. 19th chapter to Psalm 104:35. The evening readings extended from Mark 11th, to Phil., 2nd chapter. The interest has increased over the previous year, due largely to the cooperation which pastors and elders have extended to the committee. The committee sent a circular letter to every pastor in the Church urging the use of the folder. The response to this appeal was en-

couraging. Last year 1,500 copies of the Folder were used. This year 2,500 copies were printed, and the supply was soon exhausted. The receipts for the past year are $39.42; expenditures for printing and postage, $35.10, leaving a balance in the treasury of $4.32.

We recommend that a new committee of three be appointed to prepare folders for the coming year.

We further recommend that this committee consider the advisability of preparing a diploma to be presented to individuals or societies attaining the best results in this department of the work.

J. BOYD TWEED, Ch'rm'n,
FREDERICK F. READE,
THOS. H. McCANDLESS.

The appointment of a new committee on Bible Readings was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item 3, report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Session at Parnassus, Pa.:

Dear Fathers and Brethren—

Your committee on a system of graded lessons for the Sabbath Schools would respectfully report:

One year ago we reported that we had examined the systems of graded lessons at that time available and did not think it wise to recommend any of them for use in our schools. To meet the needs we tried to construct a course out of materials from different sources and recommended it for your consideration.

Since that time the Sunday School Times has published an outline of a proposed course, a large part of which is already available and in use in the schools of the country. The members of your committee took this course under consideration, and some test of its suitability has been made in the schools with which we are connected. As a result, we are recommending this course to be used in the schools as far as it is thought wise to substitute it for the uniform lessons, and along with it we are proposing such an amount of supplementary work as will store the mind of the pupils with the truths from the Bible and the catechisms.

We submit the following reasons for preferring this course to the one proposed last, or to any other that is available.

1. It is planned to be used in the lower grades of the Sabbath Schools, which already have the uniform International Lessons in the higher grades. Thus, as far as the designers are capable of securing that end, the courses will blend in a complete system of Bible study.

2. It is better than the plan of last year, since all the lesson material may be had from a single source.

3. The subject matter of the course is Biblical as far as examined; and the attitude of the Sunday School Times on Bible criticism is a sufficient guarantee for the character of those parts not yet issued.

4. The course has been prepared by skillful teachers, who have given it their best thought.

5. Being in sections, a school may use such parts of it as will suit the needs.

The sections of the course which your committee recommend for adoption are the Beginners, Primary and Junior. These are the names under which they appear in the Sunday School Times, and correspond to the divisions in the course adopted for use in the school, from which we have taken the liberty to copy freely in supplementary work.

1. Beginners' graded lessons.

Supplemental work to be given in connection with the graded lessons and required for promotion to the next grade.

First Year.

Psalms 23:1, 2. 1 John 4:8, last clause. God's great gift; John 3:16. Why we should love each other; 1 John 4:11. Love shown by giving; Matt. 10:8, last clause.

Second Year.

Love shown by giving; Matt. 10:8, last clause. Helps to right doing. Prov. 15:3. Prov. 20:11. Psalm 34:13. Psalm 141:3, last clause. Two lessons child's catechism.

2. Primary graded lessons.

Supplemental work for promotion.

First Year.

Psalm 23:3-5. Psalm 1. Great Commandments; Matt. 22:37-40. God's great gift; John 3:16. Christ's invitation; Matt. 11:28-29. Child's catechism, four lessons.

Second Year.

Psalm 121. Eccles. 12:1, 13-14. Temperance Text; Prov. 20:1. Two builders; Matt. 7:24-27. Child's catechism, six lessons.

Third Year.

Psalm 67. The great confession; Isaiah 53:6. Getting right with God; 1 John 1:9. How Jesus was named; Matt. 1:21. My assurance; 2 Tim. 1:12, last clause. Psalm 32.

3. Junior graded lessons.

Supplementary work for promotion.

First Year.

The Beatitudes; Matt. 5:1-12. O. T. Benediction; Num. 6:24-26. Psalm 34:5-9, C. M. Psalm 100, L. M. Psalm 131. New Testament books in order. Child's catechism, six lessons.

Second Year.

The Ten Commandments, Ex. 20:3-17. Psalm 103:1-4. Psalm 19:5-12. Psalm 8. Old Testament books in order. Child's catechism, seven lessons.

Third Year.

3 Cor. 13:1-13. Psalm 103:9-11. Psalm 91:1-8. Psalm 125:1-5. Psalm 63. Shorter catechism, twenty questions.

Fourth Year.

Is. 53. Psalm 27:1-6. Romans 12:1-21. Psalm 40:1-4. Shorter catechism, twenty questions.

4. Intermediate grade with the International Lessons.

Supplementary work for promotion.

First Year.

Is. 55:1-9. Rev. 3:19-22. Psalm 15. Psalm 126. Shorter catechism, forty questions.

Second Year.

Luke 15:4-7. Prov. 4:20-22. Psalm 119, Second Part. Complete shorter catechism.

Third Year.

John 15:1-27. Psalm 24. Psalm 127. Hurlburt's Revised Normal Lessons, Chapters 1-11.

Fourth Year.

Romans 10:9-13. Psalm 110. Psalm 133. Normal Lessons, Chapters 12-22.

5. Senior Grade. International Lessons.

Supplementary Work.

1. Study of the Covenant.
2. History of Protestantism.
3. The Covenanter in History.
4. A Study of the Principles of the Covenanter Church from the Covenant, the Testimony and such tracts as may be helpful.
5. A Study of Missions from such a text as "The Foreign Missionary."
6. Preparation for personal work through a better knowledge of the Bible. As a text for this study we recommend "How to Bring Men to Christ," by Torrey.

It is not expected by your committee that any school will adopt this outline of work as a whole, but it is suggested as a plan which may be used by such congregations as wish to change gradually to a graded system, or to vary their present course of study.

J. M. COLEMAN, Ch'rm'n. J. D. EDGAR,
J. B. GILMORE, J. S. TIBBY.

Items 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22 attended to.

Item 6, five presbyteries reported the matter attended to.

Item 11, report referred to the Committee on Finance.

Items 12, 19 and 23 were laid on the table.

Item 13, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF CLERK ON PRINTING MINUTES OF 1914.

The Clerk of Synod would respectfully report that he carried out the instructions of Synod, and published 2,500 copies of the Minutes of Synod for 1914, and placed them in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod for distribution. The work was done by the Lanning Bros. of Denver, Colorado.

The following corrections should be made in the Minutes as printed:

On page 22, under committees appointed, the name of G. M. Robb, should be substituted for that of J. C. Slater as chairman of Committee on Traveling Fund.

On same page, fourth line from the bottom of the page, for W. S. McMillan read M. S. McMillan.

On page 37, under report of Colorado Presbytery, fourth line from the close of report, for American Sabbath Union, read American Sabbath School Union.

On page 39 the date of the installation of F. E. Allen should read April 24, 1914.

On page 46, paragraph 4, after the word "congregations" insert a period, and then read "It is unlikely that conditions are better in those congregations."

On page 126, the report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College, is not signed by the Secretary.

On page 154, by oversight, the entire report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools is printed, instead of the recommendations only as ordered by Synod.

On page 156 read "communications" instead of "congregations" in the next to the last paragraph.

In the list of officers and Boards substitute the name of Joseph Steele for that of Wm. Brown.

JOHN C. FRENCH, Clerk.

Item 14, report adopted, and is as follows:

Printing and Sale of Minutes of 1914.

Twenty-five hundred copies of the Minutes of 1914 were printed by Lanning Bros., Denver, Colorado, and were received in Pittsburgh, August 11th.

1,819 copies sold at 10 cents each		$181.94
36 defective copies replaced.		
14 copies free.		
1,869		
Cost of printing	$405.00	
Services of stenographer	25.00	
Envelopes	1.35	
Postage, expressage, freight	70.87	502.22
Deficit		$320.28

JAMES S. TIBBY.

The Clerk was instructed to publish 1,500 copies of the Minutes of 1915 to be sold at 25 cents per copy.

Item 24, referred to Committee on Discipline.

Item 25, attended to in part.

The report on Unfinished Business was laid on the table.

J. D. Edgar, T. E. Graham, J. G. McElhinney and F. F. Reade were appointed the official reporters of Synod.

Synod's Board of Trustees reported. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Treasurer on the financial condition of the Literary Fund was presented. It was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Control reported. This report, which is as as follows, was referred to the Committees on Finance and Nominations:

REPORT OF BOARD OF CONTROL.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

Synod's Board of Control met in annual session at the home of O. L. Samson, Washington, Iowa, November 10, 1914, at 10 a. m., G. A. Edgar being elected President and S. E. Greer Secretary.

The Board adopted the following minute, in appreciation of its late honored president, Rev. C. D. Trumbull.

Inasmuch as it has pleased our Heavenly Father in His good and wise providence to remove from us by death our beloved brother and co-laborer, Rev. C. D. Trumbull, D. D.;

Be it resolved, that we place upon our records this testimony to the appreciation in which he was held by the members of this Board.

1. In his removal we sustain the loss of the cordial fellowship, the ripe experience and the valued assistance of one who has been identified with the work of this Board from its inception.

2. We bear testimony to the quiet but earnest, unobtrusive but solid Christian character of our departed brother. Like the Master whom he served for fifty years in the gospel ministry, he was meek and lowly in heart, but true to his convictions and fearless in the declaration of the divine message, whether men would hear or forbear.

3. As a member of this Board he proved a wise and judicious counselor, conscientious in the disbursement of its funds, faithful to the interests of the Church, sympathetic and just toward those seeking its financial aid.

4. As a presiding officer, in which capacity he served the Board continuously during the fifteen years of its existence, he ruled with dignity, grace and consideration over brethren who willingly accorded him at each annual election of officers this first place among equals.

5. As a co-laborer his kind and gracious disposition made him a congenial companion with whom it was a delight to work, and won for him the love as well as the esteem of all his associates. He now "rests from his labors and his works do follow him."

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this minute be furnished for publication to the Christian Nation, and incorporated in our next report to Synod.

A statement from Treasurer, J. S. Tibby, showed the different sums to be at the Board's disposal. Students' Aid Fund, $2,596.98; Aged Ministers' Fund, $1,604.20; Widows and Orphans, $2,215.48.

There came before the Board for consideration three applications for aid from the Students' Fund; seven applications for aid from the Aged Ministers' Fund, and eleven applications for aid from the Widows and Orphans Fund.

In addition to these appropriations a special grant of $100.00 was made during the month of February to one of the ministers who, on account of sickness and a critical operation, was incapacitated for work, and was unable to meet pressing financial obligations.

After a careful consideration of all applications for a share in their respective funds, appropriations in greater or lesser amounts were made to each of these applicants with the exception of one.

Your Board then drew orders upon the Treasurer for the various applicants in a sum aggregating $840.00 from the Students' Fund; $1,690.00 from the Aged Ministers' Fund, and $2,005.00 from the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

We request the usual appropriations of $1,500 for the Students' Aid Fund; $1,500 for the Aged Ministers' Fund, and $2,500.00 for the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

We wish to make an especial appeal for a more liberal support of the Aged Ministers' Fund. This fund, small and inadequate as it has been for years past, during this last year fell more than $300 short of what it was the year before. Consequently the Board was compelled to cut down by 15 per cent the amount which the members of the Board believed the bare necessities of these applicants called for.

The terms of O. L. Samson and A. F. Reid have expired and their successors should be elected at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. GREER, Secretary.

Papers were called for.

Board of Foreign Missions reported. Referred to Committees on Finance and Foreign Missions.

The Moderator was requested to appoint a committee of three to bring in a report on the disturbed condition of the world.

The sermon of the retiring Moderator was requested for publication. F. E. Allen was chosen Moderator's alternate to preach the sermon.

Rev. J. Walter Watson, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Parnassus was introduced to the Court and was extended the courtesies of the floor.

The Minutes of the China Commission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church were read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Adjourned with prayer by R. C. Wylie.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Synod met and was called to order at 9:15. The Moderator constituted the Court with prayer. The roll was called. The following did not answer to their names: G. R. Steele, J. M. Lucas, W. J. Wallace, T. E. Graham, W. T. Park, F. M. Foster, T. C. Sproull, W. S. McAnlis, M. W. Leslie, R. M. Deane, O. Wylie, J. Renwick Wylie.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

W. A. Aikin led in devotional exercises.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Home Missions—E. A. Crooks, H. G. Foster, W. C. Allen, W. J. Crawford, J. C. Calderwood.

National Reform—R. C. Reed, A. Kilpatrick, R. Hargrave, L. R. Davis, J. R. McMullen.

Finance—J. Boggs Dodds, R. H. Martin, A. A. Wylie, D. S. Anderson, J. W. M. Hart.

Foreign Correspondence—R. E. Wilson, I. Faris, Elmer Russell, W. T. Park, C. J. Lewis.

Seminary and College—M. M. Pearce, J. D. Edgar, T. C. Sproull, S. R. Davis, A. F. Reid.

Traveling Fund—R. C. Montgomery and Financial Agents of Presbyteries.

Nominations—C. A. Dodds, A. A. Johnston, T. C. McKnight, J. S. Tibby, A. Alexander.

Supplies—S. J. Johnston, W. G. Robb, E. K. Patton, H. A. Young, Freeman Murphy.

Place of Meeting—J. C. McFeeters, P. J. McDonald, S. B. Houston, J. A. McIntyre, A. M. Shaw.

Discipline—R. J. G. McKnight, D. C. Mathews, Geo. Coleman, Thos. H. Wilson, W. J. Wallace.

Sustentation and Church Erection—W. J. Coleman, W. O. Ferguson, R. W. Piper, W. J. Marshall, H. A. Young.

Foreign Missions—A. A. Samson, E. L. McKnight, John Rutherford, John Armstrong, E. F. Thompson.

Records of Presbyteries:

Colorado—H. G. Patterson, R. J. Dodds, Robert Luney.
Illinois—John Yates, Jas. McCune, W. A. Snair.
Iowa—O. F. Thompson, D. O. Jack, S. F. Dill.
Kansas—W. J. McBurney, G. R. Steele, S. S. Smith.
New York—S. M. Morrow, Thos. McFall, A. P. Donahue.
N. B. and N. S.—W. A. Aikin, F. D. Frazer, J. M. Lucas.
Ohio—J. T. Mitchel, J. G. McElhinney, A. T. Russell.
Philadelphia—J. M. Wylie, W. T. K. Thompson, Jas. Park.
Pacific Coast—S. G. Conner, E. C. Mitchell, Robert Mann.
Pittsburg—S. E. Greer, H. G. McConaughy, S. R. McKelvey.
Rochester—J. Boyd Tweed, Paul Coleman, W. W. Dickey.

Committee to report on the disturbed condition of the world—D. B. Willson, F. M. Foster, H. O'Neil.

Rev. J. K. Howe of the M. E. Church was introduced, and he was extended the courtesies of the floor.

Board of Church Erection reported. The report was referred to the Committee on Church Erection and the Committee on Finance.

Central Board of Missions reported. Referred to Committees on Home Missions and Finance.

The Rev. J. M. McMain, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Springdale, was introduced, and he was extended the courtesies of the floor.

Committee on Sustentation reported. Report referred to Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection.

The Committee on Traveling Fund was instructed to pay out no money before Tuesday morning, except by special order of Synod.

Board of Jewish Mission reported. Report referred to the Committees on Home Missions and Finance.

Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary reported. Report referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and College, and Home Missions.

The invitation to visit Geneva College was accepted and the time fixed was Wednesday, June 9th.

The Rev. L. C. Denice, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of New Kensington, Pa., was introduced, and he was extended the courtesies of the floor.

The Committee on Witness Bearing reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Item 1, 2, 3, 4 adopted. Item 5 was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The election of the successors of S. J. Johnston, Rob't Park, J. S. Tibby and J. H. McBurney, whose time has expired on the Committee on Witness Bearing, was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The report of the Committee was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WITNESS BEARING.

Our special work this year has been sending out literature. This has meant a steady search for the names and addresses of ministers, the employment of a stenographer for nearly seven months, the mailing of two to three thousand enclosures every Monday and an outlay of $919 for printing and of $934 for stamped envelopes at this end of the line and at the other we have placed in the hands and before the eyes of 72,000 ministers of the gospel our testimony that Jesus Christ is King, that our National Constitution does not recognize Him or His law and that Christians should withdraw from this agreement and seek a reformation of politics in this land. This work is extensive rather than intensive, a general gentle rain rather than a local freshet, an effort which shows more at the end than when it is made. Yet it has not been without some immediate result. Many hundreds of inquiries for more information have come in, most of them with expressions of approval. We believe this work a part of the preparation for the crisis that comes on apace.

Next year we plan, if the Synod will endorse our proposal, to send to all these ministers our testimony on purity of worship, one tract on

the Psalms and one on the use of instruments in worship. This also is something that has never before been attempted.

Then in order to follow up the work of the past year and to enlist our own people in active personal work we are persuaded that we should circulate petitions for the Christian Amendment. Not much effort to circulate petitions has been made for many years, and it would seem that the time is ripe for it. We do not claim or ask any exclusive privilege in this and will be glad to co-operate with any others engaged in the same work.

In addition to his pastoral work our lecturer in colleges has given courses in eight institutions, and in five of these to the whole student body. He reports that "there is a growing interest in solutions for current social problems and that they have an increasing Christian character." We regret that he could not have followed it up all the year.

Last year we offered to our former lecturer, Rev. W. J. McKnight, $7.50 for each lecture he might give and $2.50 additional for expenses. This year, with the hope of enlisting more lecturers, we offered quite a number of our ministers $10.00 for each lecture on our distinctive principles given outside their own pulpits. Seven ministers have given from two to ten lectures each, thirty-seven altogether, and all report the courtesy with which they have been received, the interest of the people in the argument offered and the respect shown for the conclusions reached.

The balance on hand last May was $849.60; the amount contributed during the year was $2,167.11, and the balance on hand May 1st was $617.97. Most of this balance has since been paid out for lectures and the amount now in hand is but $137. We will need to make a special effort to secure the means to continue our work till the time of the annual collection in February.

The term for which S. J. Johnston, Robert Park, J. S. Tibby and J. H. McBurney were elected has expired and their successors are to be chosen by this Synod.

We submit the following resolutions:

1. That J. M. Coleman be chosen to lecture in colleges on the same terms as last year.

2. That if the funds in hand justify it, the committee be authorized to make the same proposal to ministers with regard to lectures as last year.

3. That the sending out of literature to the ministers of the country be continued, and that for the coming year this literature be the testimony of the Church in favor of purity of worship.

4. That the work of last year be followed up by circulating petitions for the Christian Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

5. That the same amount as last year, $6,000, be appropriated to carry on the work of Witness Bearing.

W. J. COLEMAN, Chairman. JAMES S. TIBBY,
S. J. JOHNSTON, J. H. McBURNEY,
R. J. G. McKNIGHT, O. WYLIE,
ROBERT PARK, JOHN C. SLATER.

Synod took recess till 2 p. m. Prayer by Henry O'Neil.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Synod met and was called to order at 2 p. m. W. C. Allen offered prayer. The roll was called and the following did not answer to their names: J. K. Robb, T. H. Wilson, G. R. Steele, A. P. Donahue, J. M. Lucas, W. J. Wallace.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Papers were taken up.

Paper No. 1.—Report of S. A. S. Metheny, treasurer, and Paper No. 2, a supplemental report, were read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 3.—Resignation of S. A. S. Metheny, treasurer. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 4.—A request from New York Presbytery. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 5.—Report of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 6.—Report of the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches. Referred to the Committee on Finance and on Nominations.

Paper No. 7.—A letter from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland. Read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The following resolution was adopted and ordered sent to Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States:

Parnassus, Pa., June 3, 1915.

To the Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.:

We, the members of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in session this day in Parnassus, Pa., express our hearty appreciation of your successful efforts thus far to keep our nation from war and earnestly pray that you may have the help that cometh from the God of Nations not only to preserve peace within our own borders, but also to take the lead in securing world peace based upon the principles of the Prince of Peace.

Signed and forwarded by order of the Synod,

JOHN C. FRENCH, Moderator.
G. A. EDGAR, Clerk.

The President's reply to the above communication was as follows:

The White House, Washington, June 4, 1915.

My Dear Dr. French:

The President genuinely appreciates the generous message which you and Mr. Edgar sent him in the name of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and he asked me to convey to you and to all those concerned an expression of his warmest thanks. It is gratifying and heartening to him to know of your sympathetic interest and approbation.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. P. TUMULTY,
Secretary to the President.

Rev. John C. French, D. D., Parnassus, Pa.

Committee on Signs of the Times reported. The report was adopted and allowed to be printed in full, although it exceeds the specified limit in length. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Every age thinks itself unique; confronted with problems of peculiar difficulty. Such conceptions are not calculated to steady the turbulent energies of a world, not burdened with humility, but on all sides it is generally admitted that the present day is one of mysterious perplexity. The world is red with blood. The mind is staggered at the spectacle of the awful war in Europe. Art galleries, cathedrals, fair and beautiful towns, are only blackened heaps. The fields of Belgium, France and Austria are strewn with ten thousands of the dead. Fear sits beside every hearth. Death hovers over every home. There is scarcely one ray of hope or light in all the black darkness of Europe's misery and ruin. So hot burns the fires of hatred that generations and centuries will not suffice to quench them.

So astounding are the world changes that we have been driven to introspection. Many whose hopes for the people are unseparably bound up with their faith in God are sadly lamenting that somehow we have lost our grip of God. Something has been lost, something has gone. It is the instinctive judgment of thinking men that the appeal of the church has lost its impressiveness; that vital religion has suffered decay in many quarters; that Christian testimony on great moral issues has lost something of its depth and gravity; and the commanding tone of the pulpit, concerning Christ's regal claims, has somehow degenerated into the platitudes of literary essays.

Modern society, both in Church and out, is suffering from a lack of a simple, vital sense of the presence of God. The great definition with which our Shorter Catechism begins and which is the creed of every man sure of God, that "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever" is parodied and sneered at by men who consider themselves leaders in modern thought. The present age regards man's progress as a result of his own activity and the trend of his life rather than a result determined by his relationship with God.

In other words, we have been caught in the undertow of a civilization which, with all its material advantages, is the product of non-Christian, if not anti-Christian forces.

Civilization is not the hand-maid, nor the ally of Christianity, but rejects the faith of Christ in both spirit and practice. There are nations in Europe which deny all religious and theistic claims and there is not a nation on the globe which does not avowedly lean on the arm of flesh. Civilization has built cities and beautified them; it has sent its lines of commerce to the ends of the earth; it has reared art galleries and universities; it has launched great ships; it has perfected the art of war and spent its ingenuity in devising fearful instruments of destruction. Then it goes to war and sweeps all its proud achievements into ruin; only in the intervals of peace to build again the glory so wantonly destroyed. Hague tribunals have been founded; peace palaces built; peace societies organized; treaties written; but all have been swept away like straws before a driving flood when "the pride of nations has been swollen and the passions of men aroused."

One thing civilization has never done. It has never subscribed to the laws of love, mercy, justice and righteousness; to the principle that nations live not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. It has mocked at a spiritual ideal. The need of reverence and submission to the will of God has been foreign to its thought. Men sneer at Christianity, ascribing failure to its standards, but Christianity has not failed, because it has never been tried by the nations of the world. The nations have long been accustomed to defy the tenets of Christianity. "Christian men speak the truth; the diplomacy of nations has been full of deceit. Christianity admonishes the strong to bear the burdens of the weak: nations compel the weak to support the strong in luxury. Christianity inculcates the law of love: nations employ the law of force. Christianity sends men forth as sheep into the midst of wolves; nations make themselves wolves—and woe to the sheep. Only in barbarous communities do men fill their houses with weapons against their neighbors: civilized nations spend a large portion of the revenue which they bring from the poor for instruments to avenge themselves."

It has been the settled and inveterate policy of nations to defy Christ and His laws. Such a policy of defiance, hatred and pride can have but one inevitable outcome. The wrath of God has fallen upon the children of disobedience. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The reaping has come in a harvest of blood, misery and devastation. And it will recur again, just as long as the nations forget God. One text could be written in blazing letters across the map of Europe: "Behold you have sinned against the Lord; and be sure your sin will find you out."

This defiance of Christ and his laws by the civilization of today has led to the conditions responsible for the present war in Europe. No nation will have any permanent peace, within or without its borders, which is not at peace with God.

There is Edom, Ammon, Tyre, Damascus, Judah, Israel. Their proud cities are only a heap of ruins; no more do their flags fly the seas; no more do you hear the tramp of their legions. Their wonderful culture is forgotten. To find these once proud cities, you must go to museums and art galleries. Amos tells us why in the

first two chapters of his book. Damascus threshed Gilead with instruments of iron. Her sin was inhumanity. Gaza's great sin was heartlessness. Tyre broke her covenant vows. Ammon's sin was brutal savagery that they might enlarge their border. Judah disregarded the laws of God contemptuously. Israel was judged for greed, oppression, impurity and drunkenness. They had sinned against the laws of God, and there could be but one result. They sinned their third and fourth transgression. The cup of their iniquity was full.

The same sins have brought their retribution today, for Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. England, Russia, Germany, France, Austria are guilty of the sins which brought destruction to these ancient nations. An American heiress pays $4,500.00 for a single dress, while women labor in the sweat shops for 2 cents an hour. We in America, oppress the alien who comes to find a home among us. We are guilty of Sabbath breaking, of immoral divorce laws which jeopardize the sanctity of our homes; of pride and greed. The sins of Ammon, Tyre and Judah are in our midst and we tremble when we remember that God is just.

There is but one remedy. We must win again our consciousness of God. Conviction of Christian truth must be gripped with increasing firmness. Our material civilization, which is bearing us on its bosom to a spiritual death, must be brought into conformity with the laws of God. Christian love must take the place of hate. The nations of the world must hear and heed the message of God's right to rule in the affairs of state as well as in Church and individual life.

Humbly we thank God for a land still free from the ravages of war and the turmoil of battle. We are blessed with an abundant prosperity. The wells of salvation are still full and deep. Men's hearts have been stirred with the tremendous doings of our God. Light has been thrown upon neglected truth, dear to our covenanted Zion. Christ's royal claims have been brought to the attention of men from pulpit and press.

On the other hand, we crave God's forgiveness for national sins —drunkenness, greed, Sabbath breaking and hundreds of other kindred evils. We confess a lack of faithfulness and consecration, but with all our sins we remember God's gracious word: "Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage. He retaineth not his anger forever because He delighteth in mercy. He will turn again. He will have compassion upon us. He will subdue our iniquities. Thou will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." Synod appoints the day of national Thanksgiving to be observed by our Church and the Thursday of the Week of Prayer as a day of fasting, confession and supplication to God.

Signed,

A. A. JOHNSTON, Chairman,
W. J. McKNIGHT, S. G. CONNER.

Report of the Covenanter Members of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association, and the report of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform were read and referred to the Committee on National Reform.

The Rev. J. A. Scheltz, pastor of the Trinity Reformed Church of New Kensington; the Rev. J. H. Snyder and the Rev. H. D. Dartaken, of the Reformed Church of North America; the Rev. J. A. Cosby of the United Presbyterian Church, of Tarentum, and the Rev. Norman Euwer of the Presbyterian Church were introduced and these brethren were extended the courtesies of the floor.

Papers were taken up.

Paper No. 8.—A paper relative to the Santa Ana Case transferred from Pacific Coast Presbytery. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 9.—A paper transferred from Pacific Coast Presbytery, relative to the Traveling Fund. Referred to a Special committee to be named by the Committee on Nominations.

Paper No. 10.—A communication from the American Bible Society relative to the celebration of the society's Centennial Anniversary, May 9—11, 1916. Referred to a special committee to be named by the Committee on Nominations.

Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table. Item 23.—The committee reported and the recommendations were taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. Item 3 was amended and adopted. While Item 4 was under consideration, it was resolved to postpone further discussion of this Item until the next meeting of Synod. The clerk was instructed to print the report in the appendix of the Minutes.

Item 12 was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The report was laid on the table.

The Committee on Temperance reported. The item of finance was referred to the Committee on Finance, and the selection of successors to members of the committee whose terms have expired was referred to the Committee on Nominations. Report laid on table.

Adjourned with prayer by W. P. Johnston.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Synod reconvened at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by G. A. Edgar. The roll was called and the following did not respond: George S. Coleman, R. M. Dean, F. D. Frazer, T. A. Hamilton, J. R. Latimer, S. A. S. Metheny, W. M. Robb, J. S. Tibby, George Tippin, H. A. Young.

Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Devotional exercises were conducted by R. J. G. McKnight.

Freeman Murphy was excused from attendance after today.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College reported. The report was referred to the Committees on Theological Seminary and Finance.

Trustees of Geneva College reported. Same reference.

Rev. W. J. McClintock of Heron Hill United Presbyterian Church was introduced and he was extended the courtesies of the floor.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items one and two were adopted. Item three was amended and adopted. The report was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Last year's Committee on Sabbath Schools proposed a change of method in the presentation of the annual report. One recommendation, which provided for synodical conference on Sabbath School work, was referred to the Committee on Order of Business for this year. A second, and the one with which your committee has had to deal, calls for the publication of suitable articles for the aid of Sabbath School work. In the judgment of your committee the plan has proved a partial failure; not because the method proposed was not, in its general outline, good; but because the means at hand for the carrying out of the plan were not suitable. "The reports and recommendations have been timely and helpful, but not utilized as they deserve. . . . They are safely preserved in the published Minutes and promptly forgotten." That was the conclusion of last year's committee. It is also the opinion of this committee, except that for the words "published minutes," we would substitute the words "the Christian Nation."

What are the difficulties in the way of success? Mainly three: First, the articles are necessarily short, and therefore, do not go enough into details. This was not the fault of the writers; it was the result of being limited to 1,500 words per article, and, in some

cases, less than that. Second, one cannot expect in four or five articles to make such a permanent impression on the minds of the teachers as will bring their work up to the highest efficiency, or make plain the advantages of any change of method by a single statement of a theory. Third, only a fraction of those for whom they were intended will read them. By many of our Sabbath School teachers and workers, the "Nation" is never seen; by others it is merely scanned. We recommend:

1. That the incoming Committee on Sabbath Schools review, during the year, books dealing with such subjects as are outlined in the report of the committee for last year (Minutes of Synod, 1914, p. 155), and that they urge upon Sabbath School superintendents the need for purchasing such books as part of a circulating Sabbath School library.

2. That the incoming committee follow the same general plan as outlined last year; that they begin early in the year, and that by frequent short articles on the different subjects, and by securing statements of actual experience from schools that have followed the desired methods, they commend to schools the advantages of the changes they propose.

3. That, since no conference on Sabbath School work has been planned for the present meeting of Synod, the committee for next year be directed to arrange for such a conference.

FREDERICK F. READE,
PAUL COLEMAN.

The Secretary of Young People's Societies reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES AND OF THE SECRETARY ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Your Committee on Young People's Societies would report that there are sixty-three regularly organized societies, five less than reported one year ago. Three societies were organized and eight disorganized during the year. The total membership as reported to the secretary is 1,924, a decrease of ninety-seven. Twenty-three societies report an increase in membership, thirteen report no change in membership, and twenty-seven report a decrease.

The secretary has been in frequent correspondence with over thirty societies during the year, and through this and other sources of information, he has learned of nineteen young men and young women whose present purpose it is, when they shall have completed preparatory work, to offer themselves in mission fields. These, together with a large number of other of our young people are ready and even anxious for present active service and they should be used or they may be lost to our Church. The appeal to serve, to win with Christ's call, may be tremendously handicapped by both the lusts of the flesh and the lure of the world, and yet it may be made as compelling

to our young people as is the charm of success. When this is true the strongest recruiting arm of the church will be the thoroughly consecrated group of young people.

With memories of how our forefathers fought and died that they might hold the truth which they believed, we bear witness that the evident desire and spirit of our young people shows that they are ready to hold what our fathers won, and to advance with leaders who are fearless to go forward.

With faith in those who as leaders have proved that the truth in Christ is precious to them as a gift to be used for the salvation of their fellow-men, and that their own experience fits them to train others, we believe that our young people when trained for service and when taught the distinctive functions and character and importance of the Church will give themselves that Christ's work may be done.

By the knowledge which we have that the Church is the place where we come into touch with the living God, that in the Church we are exposed to the vitalizing processes that build faith and character, that men cannot live to themselves alone, and if cut off from fellowship they starve, and that from the Church men may best witness for Christ, we urge upon all who have any part in the training of our young people:

1. That by precept and example they teach and keep alive right habits of worship.

2. That they use every means to promote symmetrical growth in faith and character.

3. That they encourage fellowship.

4. That they encourage the passing on of the knowledge of Christ that our young people may learn by experience what it means to witness for Him.

JOHN YATES, Secretary and Chairman,
T. H. ACHESON, D. BRUCE MARTIN.

Synod took recess till 2 p. m. Prayer by J. K. Robb.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Synod was called to order at 2 p. m., and I. A. Blackwood led in prayer. Roll was called and the following did not respond: J. Boggs Dodds, H. G. Foster, J. M. W. Hart, Mat. Mann, W. J. McBurney, William Pearce.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Temperance was taken from the table. Item three was stricken out and the amended report adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The wave of temperance sentiment which has been steadily rising for years, seems to have overflowed all bounds within the past year, and is sweeping over vast territory in a way that was entirely unexpected. The present conflict in Europe is given as a reason why great regions are thrown on the side of temperance, but except there had been a temperance sentiment beforehand, there could not have been such radical treatment of the matter as we have seen.

In Russia, it has been demonstrated that a resolute declaration of prohibition does prohibit, and that an immense revenue derived from the traffic may be cut off in a day, and yet the country be a great gainer in actual money values, in the efficiency of the individual and in the happiness which comes to the homes.

In the curtailment of the traffic in France, another instance is given of the fact that a drunken man in any position is of less value than a sober one.

In England, where the customs of the past form such a strong incentive to continue in the same habits, new ideas in regard to the traffic have come in, and the royal example will mean a great deal in reshaping the habits of the whole country.

If, under stress, these things are brought about because the times demand men at their best, it is only a step to the conclusion that sober men are better in times of peace, and if sober homes mean so much that a clamor in favor of them has reached and influenced the Czar to make his order permanent, it ought to be far more insistent where a much higher value is set on public opinion.

What God may bring out of these wonderful changes, no one can safely predict: but we may well believe that He has better plans for the world than that it should go down in besotted degradation, and if the nations can learn, only in blood and devastation the value of sobriety, we may see in that one reason why God allows the war to sweep over lands where already the demon of intemperance seemed to be holding undisputed sway.

Coming to our own land, the movement has been so rapid and unmistakable that even to chronicle the really important events of the year would take more than the space allowed for this report. States seem to be scrambling for a position on the side of temperance, some by popular vote and some by legislative enactment. In any case, the demand is so emphatic that it is a surprise when the liquor forces are victorious.

Perhaps most notable was the vote in Congress when the question of national prohibition was presented to that body. While many were dissatisfied with the form in which it was presented, yet stated in a general way, it was the question of national prohibition that was under discussion, and a majority vote, while still insufficient to bring the matter to the State Legislatures, was sufficient to indicate the respectful attention which it received in Congress, and when we remember that this same proposition had been received with jeers and laughter as it had been presented in years past, we get an idea of the rate at which the light of temperance is breaking into men's minds.

We urge upon all the members the necessity for active interest in all these movements wherein people are seen to be awakening to the fact that men must be at their best to do their work in this world, and from the higher plane of the Christian we must see clearly this best as connected with the world to come, where the larger interests lie; and hold a steady course as individuals and as a Church in following the teaching of our Lord.

Your committee have been following the lines of the past in aiming to put the posters into as many schools as possible, and especially have we tried to do this in States where the question was a live one, and men's minds were open to ideas upon the subject. We need not stop to inquire how much good this does, nor how much of a factor these may have been in molding public sentiment, but numerous letters from people who have come in contact with these posters indicate that they are no small element in helping people to reach right conclusions, and are a power in putting valuable truth before the minds of the school children. We believe it to be a very wise expenditure of money that scatters these truths in such an effective way.

In view of the fact that the question of tobacco is a live one before this Synod and before the Church, we have given considerable attention to this subject during the year. Our purpose in this was to bring before the membership of the Church the facts in regard to the effects of its use.

We have furnished considerable literature to the ministers, and have planned for a number of meetings, aiming, so far as possible, to use men on their way to Synod in the various congregations where they passed. It has been a great gratification that so many members of Synod have inconvenienced themselves that they might be able to take a share of this work.

In the literature which we distributed we have tried to bring to the attention of the members authoritative statements by men of unquestioned ability, so that the conclusions reached by the members of Synod and the membership of the Church would be based on a reliable statement of facts.

A part of the money in the Temperance Fund has been expended in this way.

The time for which Rev. J. G. McElhinney and Mr. A. M. Mitchell were appointed expires at this meeting, and their successors should be appointed.

We recommend that the time for the collection and the amount required be referred to the Committee on Finance.

W. W. CARITHERS, Chairman,
M. M. PEARCE, T. G. GRAHAM,
J. G. McELHINNEY, A. M. MITCHELL.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table. Item 26. It was resolved that this proposed overture be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes and that consideration of the same be postponed till next year.

Item 19.—The report was submitted. It was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF SYNOD MEETING EVERY SECOND YEAR.

Your committee would respectfully report that we do not deem it advisable to make this change, for the following reasons:

1. There is much of the Church work which needs Synod's annual supervision.

2. The opening of new fields of labor, at home or abroad, would make desirable the annual meeting of this court.

3. The Church's opportunity of giving her testimony to the world, especially in a great crisis like the present, is not to be overlooked.

4. The multiplication of interim commissions to attend to the necessary work of the Church, in case of biennial sessions is not desirable.

R. HARGRAVE,
JOHN C. FRENCH.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Your Committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report the following items of business left over from last Synod:

Item No. 1. Report of Ad Interim Committee on Supplies.—Page 13.

Item No. 2. Report of Committee on Daily Bible Readings.—Page 162.

Item No. 3. Report of Committee on Graded Lessons.—Page 19.

Item No. 4. Committee on Order of Business to consider request for conferences and to submit to Synod recommendations thereon.—Page 18.

Item No. 5. W. J. Coleman and S. G. Shaw to prepare a letter to be sent to Dr. Roberts, secretary of the Western Section of the Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, concerning matters in the report of our delegate to the meeting of the Alliance.—Page 29.

Item No. 6. Presbyteries to hold conference on evangelism within their bounds.—Page 37.

Item No. 7. Treasurer of Synod instructed to print 1,000 copies of the 1889 version of the Double Psalter with music.—Page 56.

Item No. 8. That the balance of $583.92 in the treasury of the Board of Sustentation be turned into the treasury of the Domestic Mission Fund.—Page 81.

Item No. 9. That $40.00 be paid into the treasury of the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches.—Page 81.

Item No. 10. Balance of $849.35 in the treasury of the Oakland

Mission to be divided equally between the current account funds of the Foreign Mission and Domestic.—Page 82.

Item No. 11. New York Presbytery to appoint special committee to have oversight of financial conditions in First and Second Boston congregations.—Page 82.

Item No. 12. Report of Pacific Coast Presbytery on Santa Ana Case. Pacific Coast Presbytery.—Page 150.

Item No. 13. The Clerk of Synod to publish 2,500 copies of the Minutes of Synod for 1914.—Page 81.

Item No. 14. Report of treasurer on sale and cost of publishing the Minutes of Synod for 1914. J. S. Tibby.

Item No. 15. The proceeds from the sale of the Kortright parsonage, to be divided equally between the Church Erection, Domestic Mission and Geneva College Current Account funds.—Page 82.

Item No. 16. That 100 copies of the Psalter be given to the College.—Page 82.

Item No. 17. The Committee on Systematic Beneficence to supply congregations with literature on the matter of making canvass of the congregations.—Page 118.

Item No. 18. Officers of Mission Conference to address letter to certain congregations.—Page 118.

Item No. 19. The Moderator and Clerk to report on the advisability of Synod meeting every second year.—Page 127.

Item No. 20. The clerk of Synod to return our fraternal greetings to the Presbyterian Assembly of New Zealand, with statement of the action of the Synod on their request.—Page 131.

Item No. 21. The Committee on Sabbath Schools to arrange for a conference on Sabbath School work, to be held during this meeting of Synod.—Page 155.

Item No. 22. Report of Committee on preparing Selections of Psalms for publication.—Page 159.

Item No. 23. Report of Committee on Land Legislation of the Hebrews.—Page 157.

Item No. 24. First item of the report of the Committee on Discipline laid over from last Synod.—Page 167.

Item No. 25. Letters of sympathy—W. A. Aikin to S. M. Morrow; J. M. Wylie to R. C. Wylie; W. P. Johnston to W. C. Allen; A. Kilpatrick to Miss Mattie R. Wylie.

Item No. 26. The proposed overture relating to the use of tobacco, which was laid over from last year.

JOHN C. FRENCH, Clerk.
GEORGE A. EDGAR, Assistant Clerk.

The Committee on Psalmody reported. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PSALMODY.

Conditions in the worship of our own and other Churches call for a plan of action in the matter of Psalmody. The issue is of

first importance; for as we worship, so we live. No effort should be spared in preparing to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. We recommend:

1. That the following verses concerning worship and particularly concerning the Psalms in worship be printed for use in the various grades of the Sabbath Schools in such a way that when a child is from 12 to 14 years old he may be able to join the Church intelligently; and also for study by all who have joined the Church.

THE ACCEPTABLE WAY OF WORSHIP IS INSTITUTED BY GOD HIMSELF, AND WHAT IS NOT COMMANDED IS THEREFORE FORBIDDEN.

And look that thou make them *after the pattern, which was shewed thee* in the mount.—Exodus 25:40.

They offered strange fire before the Lord, *which He commanded them not.* And there went out fire from before the Lord, and devoured them.—Leviticus 10:1, 2.

What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: *thou shalt not add thereto nor diminish from it.*—Deuteronomy 12:32.

The Lord our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought Him not *after the due order.*—1 Chronicles 15:13.

After the doctrines and commandments *of men.* Which things have a shew of wisdom in *will-worship.*—Colossians 2:22, 23.

ALLOWING WHAT IS NOT COMMANDED ALWAYS INVOLVES DISPLACING WHAT IS COMMANDED.

Whereupon the King took counsel, and (1) *made two calves of gold,* and said unto them, (2) *It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem:* Behold thy Gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan. And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. And he (3) *made a house of high places,* and (4) *made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.* And Jeroboam (5) *ordained a feast in the eighth month,* like unto the feast that is in Judah. . . . even in the month *which he had devised in his own heart.*—1 Kings 12:28, 33; with

1. Thou shalt *not* make unto thee any graven image.—Exodus 20:4.

2. Then there shall be a place *which the Lord your God shall choose* to cause His name to dwell there; *thither shall ye bring all that I command you.*—Deuteronomy 12:11.

3. Take heed now; *for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house* for the sanctuary; be strong and do it. Then David gave to Solomon, his son, *the pattern. . . . All these, said David, the Lord made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern.*—1 Chronicles 28:10, 11, 19.

4. *Bring the tribe of Levi near,* and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him. And *thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons.* and they shall wait on their priest's office: *and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.*—Numbers 3:6, 10.

5. Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, the fifteenth day of this *seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles.*—Leviticus 23:24.

Instances also of Nadab and Abihu; Korah, Dathan and Abiram; Saul, Uzza, Uzziah.

AN INSPIRED BOOK OF PRAISE IS PROVIDED AND SINGING IT IS COMMANDED.

The sweet Psalmist of Israel said, *the spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my tongue.*—2 Samuel 23:1, 2.

Sing unto him, *sing Psalms unto Him.*—Psalms 105:2.

Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves *in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing* and making melody in your heart to the Lord.—Ephesians 5:18, 19.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another *in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing* with grace in your heart to the Lord.—Colossians 3:16.

"HYMNS" IN THE BIBLE MEAN INSPIRED SONGS.

The prayers (Greek version, *hymns*) of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.—Psalm 72:20.

And when they had *sung an hymn,* they went out into the Mount of Olives.—Mark 14:26. (*All agree* that in accord with the Passover customs they probably sang Psalms 115-118.)

Moreover Hezekiah, the King, and the Princes commanded the Levites to sing praise (Greek version, same word as Mark 14:26, *sing a hymn*) unto the Lord *with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer.*—2 Chronicles 29:30.

"SPIRITUAL SONGS" IN THE BIBLE MEAN INSPIRED SONGS.

They that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth (Greek version, *a hymn*) saying, Sing us one *of the songs of Zion.*—Psalms 137:3.

Instructed in *the songs of the Lord.*—1 Chronicles 25:7.

ALLOWING UNINSPIRED SONGS HAS DISPLACED THE INSPIRED SONGS IN WORSHIP.

Thus have ye *made the commandment of God of none effect* by your tradition.—Matthew 15:6.

UNDERLYING CAUSE OF ALL CORRUPTION IN WORSHIP.

Who worshiped and served *the creature more than the Creator.* —Romans 1:25.

GOD CARES.

I, the Lord thy God, *am a jealous God.*—Exodus 20:5.

2. That ministers see that during the explanation of the Psalm the children and young people use notebooks to gain permanent information in addition to temporary devotional uplift, and that small Psalms books for the marking of verses be provided. "Know the Psalms." Make that a *motto.* Thinking about the thought must overrule thinking about the tunes.

3. That there be less use of hymn books for amusement at home and more practice in reading the music of the Psalm book. The harmony of the parts will transform our singing and make it honorable.

4. That we allow loyalty to Christ and a missionary spirit to dictate a plainly consistent testimony in public and social assemblies for the sake of strangers and our own young people. This will mean that we keep silent during the singing of uninspired hymns:

(a) In all assemblies on the Sabbath day.

(b) In connection with other acts of divine worship, or in the "devotional exercises" of any assembly.

(c) In the so-called "song service" of revival meetings, union services, conventions of a religious nature, reform conventions, etc., where the purpose may be, and certainly ought to be, worship.

(d) Wherever other persons obviously may or do think of it as their worship, no matter what distinctions we may be able to draw in our own minds.

5. That there be more frequent explanation to others in a spirit of meekness of our exclusive use of the Psalms, for most people are really ignorant on the question.

6. That a very brief tract be compiled on other Churches' use of the Psalms in the past, to show how commonly accepted our interpretation of the Bible has been.

7. That a brief selection of the Psalms in prose on present-day social and other problems be printed for distribution among those who feel no sympathy from the Church.

8. That special prayer be made against self-righteousness and against a lack of the Spirit in our use of God's holy songs.

GEORGE S. COLEMAN, Chairman.
F. D. FRAZER, JOHN E. FOSTER,
W. T. K. THOMPSON, W. B. KEYS.

The preparation and the printing of the tracts called for in the report of this committee were referred to the Committee on Witness Bearing.

The Rev. A. J. Meek, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Kensington, Pa., was introduced and he was extended the courtesies of the floor.

Mrs. A. G. Wallace and Mrs. R. C. Wylie, representing the Woman's Association of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, by consent of Synod, appeared before the Court and made an appeal for a share in the undesignated funds at the disposal of the Committee on Finance.

Miss Etta Jamison, the matron of the Aged People's Home, being present, was conducted to the platform and introduced to the Court by the Moderator.

Synod resolved to make an offering for the benefit of the Aged Peoples' Home which, being received, amounted to $406.20 in cash and pledges.

The Committee on Evangelistic Work reported. The report was adopted as a whole, referring the item of finance to the Committee on Finance, and the item relative to the election of members to the Committee on Nominations. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Your permanent Committee on Evangelistic Work would respectfully report:

We note with much gratitude the growing interest in evangelistic work—an interest that is being manifested in several different ways.

Some of our congregations are holding open-air services for a half hour on Sabbath evening in addition to the regular Sabbath evening service.

We ought to push the work of out-of-door services. Many are reached for Christ in this way that can be reached in no other way, for many who would not enter a Church to hear the gospel preached will give attention to the gospel message when heard upon the street corner or in the public park.

Another manifestation of progress in evangelistic activity is seen in the reports of the evangelistic campaigns that have been held throughout the year. These special services have been held for one and two weeks during the Week of Prayer or Communion seasons.

There is much to be gained by such work. Some who will not attend the regular services of worship will attend during such meetings. The congregation is quickened by being enlisted in more earnest intercessory prayer, in inviting non-church goers to service, and in active personal work seeking to win the unbelieving to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. The whole atmosphere of these special meetings when well conducted and heartily engaged in are conducive to make unbelievers more approachable on the matters of faith in Christ and to make it easier for the believer to approach the unbeliever. And when such services are spiritual and not sensational, the spiritual quickening that comes to a congregation abides and increases after the evangelist is gone. One pastor who has held such a campaign in his own church writes concerning the work after the messenger had returned to his own field of labor. Among other fruits of the meeting, he says: "But the most blessed results were among the members of our own congregation. Such prayer meetings and manifestations of the Spirit I have not seen before. The oldest members of the congregation say that there was nothing like it before in the history of that congregation. . . . And yet with all the blessing we received we might have had a greater blessing if we had not been so inexperienced and timid and unbelieving. But the end is not yet."

But possibly the greatest gain for the Kingdom of Christ is the stimulus such a campaign gives to the ministry of the one who engages in it. One who conducts two weeks' evangelistic campaign, whether in his own or in a brother minister's field of labor, is mightily stirred in his own soul. It begets within the minister an aggressive evangelistic spirit that cannot be gained by the preaching twice a week upon the Sabbath. We do not preach often enough for making ourselves effective. Every minister ought to engage in such a campaign for two weeks every year. If we all did we would see a manifest increase in evangelistic power.

But the greatest sign of encouragement that we see manifest in the Church is the fact that the evangelistic spirit is pulsating in all the regular work of the pastor and people. Our ministers are becoming more genuinely evangelistic and our people more deeply

interested in personal work. In fact it is the ideal of this committee to make every pastor an evangelist and every member a personal worker. Members of the Synod, will you catch the spirit of this ideal? Every pastor an evangelist and every member a personal worker! One-half of every minister's preaching can be distinctively evangelistic, and, if expository, such preaching week after week will be as interesting and edifying to the congregation as to the unbelieving.

The Covenanter Church has a mighty and glorious work to perform. A large part of that work, and that which is fundamental to all her work, is the work of evangelism, an evangelism that is virile, that has backbone, that is ever aggressive, that connives at no sin and that believes no task too difficult. The spirit that must rule in our hearts in this work and that we believe is growing and abounding throughout the Church is well expressed by a statement in a letter of one of our ministers. "All the lines of evangelism which we so much feel the need of pressing home upon our people are not more important than the spiritualizing of our distinctive testimony. It is so easy to preach the distinctive principles with a hard and sensorious spirit, and so easy to preach evangelism with no spine in it. I know my preaching of the evangel has lacked a spine, which in some measure accounts for the ease with which some of my converts have both taken up and laid down the Covenanter position. Now I am trying to unite them in better proportions."

Let us as a Church make these words of Campbell Morgan our own: "Strength of spiritual life always issues in the manifestation through the Church to the world of the facts of the Kingship of God in Christ, and the power of Jesus Christ to deal with all the things in human life that are contrary to the mind and will of God. The Church is to be aggressive, capturing men, fighting against wrong, urging everywhere and always the claims of Jesus Christ, and this she can only be as within her own borders there is realized the purposes of God."

Your committee has assisted in evangelistic campaigns of Washington, Iowa and Faith Chapel, Spring Garden, to the extent of $15.00 and $25.00 respectively.

We request $500.00 from the Domestic Mission Fund for this work.

The time for which Robert Park and T. H. Acheson were appointed has expired and their successors should be chosen.

ROBERT PARK, Chairman.
W. J. COLEMAN,
T. H. ACHESON,
M. M. PEARCE,
R. A. M. STEELE,
T. S. TRUMBULL.

Synod adjourned with prayer by J. M. Wylie to meet tomorrow morning at 9:15.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Synod met at 9:15 and being called to order, E. A. Crooks constituted the Court with prayer. The roll was called and the following did not answer to their names: T. J. Allen,

W. C. Allen, George S. Coleman, J. M. Coleman, Paul Coleman, E. L. Dodds, R. M. Downie, J. W. M. Hart, J. S. Martin, A. J. McFarland, H. O'Neil, G. R. Steele, George Tippin, Oliver Wylie.

J. M. Coleman led the devotional exercises.

The Special Committee appointed to bring in a report on the present disturbed condition of the world submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE PRESENT DISTURBED CONDITION OF THE WORLD.

The undersigned committee reports the following to Synod:

In common with our fellow-countrymen, we lament the present awful wars, with the desolation of many lands and the destruction of life and in inhuman ways rarely known in these latter days.

Back of all the causes man may assign for these calamities we acknowledge the hand of God, scourging the nations for their impiety and the sins that follow in its train.

God has a controversy with the nations for their attitude toward Him and his anointed. They say: "Let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us."

"We will not have this man to reign over us."

The way is open for peace and prosperity, in returning to God in repentance, and in obedience to the Lord and His Christ.

We rejoice that our land has been enabled to act the Good Samaritan's part in ministering to the needy and the suffering.

We express our confidence in the work of the President for the peace and welfare of the nations, and assure him of our constant prayers for him in these critical days.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. WILSON, Chairman,

F. M. FOSTER, H. O'NEIL.

On request the Kansas Presbytery was granted permission to hold a meeting after the adjournment of Synod within the bounds of Pittsburg Presbytery for the purpose of attending to the licensure of Jesse C. Mitchell, student of theology, who is laboring in this vicinity.

It was resolved that inasmuch as most members of last Synod requested that the address of R. J. G. McKnight on premillennialism be published, and inasmuch as this has been done at the expense of more than $200, Synod instruct the treasurer, J. S. Tibby, to purchase 1,200 copies for $100 and advertise the same among his books for sale.

The Mission Conference reported. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The Presbyteries made their annual report to Synod and all were referred to the Committee on Supplies, except Colorado and Philadelphia, for which no reference was necessary. They are as follows:

REPORT OF COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Colorado Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the year one regular and two called meetings have been held. There are four congregations under our care, all with settled pastors. A presbyterial organization of our young people's societies was effected last August, and an interesting convention held in conjunction with the meeting of Presbytery.

The women's missionary societies have also effected an organization and held a Presbyterial.

The condition of the work in our congregation is encouraging. E. A. Crooks is Clerk of Presbytery.

E. A. CROOKS, Clerk.

REPORT OF ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report that we have held two meetings of Presbytery and three meetings of the Ad Interim Commission during the year.

We have eight congregations under our care; six of these have settled pastors.

The following changes have taken place during the year: W. O. Ferguson was received on certificate from Pittsburg Presbytery and installed pastor of the Oakdale Congregation, July 22, 1914. D. C. Matthews was released from the pastoral charge of Old Bethel Congregation November 18, 1914, and certified to Pittsburg Presbytery. On March 8, 1915, W. C. McClurkin was released from the pastorate of the Church Hill Congregation and certified to Kansas Presbytery.

We have seven ministers upon our roll, all of whom are settled pastors except G. R. Steele.

We have one licentiate, R. S. McElhinney, under our care.

The full time of R. S. McElhinney is at the disposal of Synod's Committee on Supplies.

We ask the three-fourths time of one laborer for the ensuing year.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk in due time.

Our traveling fund is paid in full. W. O. Ferguson is chairman of Committee on Supplies.

W. O. FERGUSON, Clerk.

REPORT OF IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Iowa Presbytery would respectfully report that we have held one regular and one special meeting during the past year. The Interim Commission has held three meetings.

We have nine congregations under our care, eight ministers on our roll, six of whom are pastors, one engaged in foreign mission work and one in reform work.

W. C. Allen was installed pastor of Lake Reno Congregation October 23, 1914. H. G. Patterson was released from the pastorate of Vernon Congregation November 19, 1914, and installed pastor of the Morning Sun Congregation December 1, 1914.

S. E. Greer is chairman of the Committee on Supplies. The Presbytery requests the time of two laborers for the coming year.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk in due time. Our traveling fund is full.

GEORGE S. COLEMAN, Clerk.

REPORT OF KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

We have had one regular meeting during the year, besides the meeting during the session of Synod. The Interim Commission has met six times.

We have eighteen congregations and two mission stations under our care. There are twenty-six ministers on our roll. Sixteen are pastors of congregations, and another is soon to be installed. One is in the mission field in the Levant; one is assisting at the Indian Mission; one is stated supply at Robstown, and W. W. Carithers is stated supply at Cache Creek; the others are filling pulpits as supply or living in retirement.

G. M. Robb was installed at Quinter on June 17, 1914. J. M. Rutherford was received as a licentiate from the care of New York Presbytery and ordained and installed at Billings November 6, 1914. W. C. McClurkin was received from Illinois Presbytery March 29, 1915, and installed at Olathe April 14, 1915.

We have one vacant congregation, Wahoo. Tabor has called a pastor and the edict is issued for his installation.

The time of Isaiah Faris is at the disposal of Synod, and he asks to be assigned to Kansas Presbytery for the year; we ask for the services of Licentiate R. C. Adams for the months of June, July, August and September, 1915, and May, 1916. We ask for the time of one additional laborer. The services of J. W. Dill will be at the disposal of Synod in the fall, if needed. W. S. Fulton desires appointments for April and May, 1916.

D. H. Coulter was recommended to the Board of Control.

Elmer Russell is chairman of our Committee on Supplies.

C. A. Dodds is our financial agent.

Thirteen congregations have had sermons or conferences against the use of tobacco during the year.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded to the Stated Clerk, and our traveling fund is paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL COLEMAN, Clerk.

N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.

N. B. and N. S. Presbytery would respectfully report:

That we have held one regular meeting during the year.

There are under our care three congregations, two of which have been united by order of Synod on recommendation of the Mission Conference, though they are twenty-three miles apart, and without a pastor.

These places are so far away that it is difficult for us to obtain supplies, yet we feel that this field should be cultivated. And we ask the special consideration of Synod's Committee of Supply.

We ask for one laborer during the year, but especially during the summer and fall months.

THOMAS McFALL.

REPORT OF NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

New York Presbytery would respectfully report that it has held two regular meetings and one pro re nata meeting during the year.

W. J. McKnight was installed November 5, 1914, as pastor of the First Boston Congregation. Frederick F. Reade resigned his position in connection with the work of the Second Church, New York. Licentiate J. M. Rutherford was at his own request transferred to Kansas Presbytery.

We have sixteen congregations under our care, of which Montclair and Ryegate are vacant. D. C. Faris continues stated supply at Ryegate.

We have twenty-one ministers enrolled, fifteen pastors, three foreign missionaries; one engaged in secular work; two, Thomas Patton and F. F. Reade, on the supply list; one, the venerable R. M. Sommerville, engaged in the editorial work of Olive Trees.

We have one licentiate, William Hilton Shaw. The full time of Thomas Patton, F. F. Reade and W. H. Shaw is at the disposal of Synod. We require the full time of one laborer.

R. C. Montgomery is chairman of our Committee of Supplies. Our traveling fund is full.

R. J. DODDS, Clerk.

OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report:

One regular meeting was held during the year. There are twelve congregations under our care, six of which have settled pastors. R. W. Piper was released from the Jonathan's Creek Congregation October 21, 1914. W. M. Robb was released from the Southfield Congregation June 2, 1915. W. G. Robb was installed as pastor of the Hetherton Congregation June 24, 1914. R. W. Piper was installed as pastor of the Belle Center Congregation May 21, 1915. The Cincinnati Congregation has a call pending on F. F. Reade. The designation of the Cedar Lake Congregation has been changed to Ray.

Eleven ministers are on our roll. T. C. Sproull was received from Pittsburg Presbytery June 2, 1915. S. R. Wallace was certi-

fied to Kansas Presbytery May 4, 1915. Licentiate William M. Milroy was granted a statement of standing June 2, 1915.

E. C. Mitchell is one of our missionaries to China and is now home on a furlough because of the ill health of Mrs. Mitchell. W. J. Sanderson has recently resigned the principalship of Knox Academy, Selma, Ala. J. M. Faris has been engaged in work as a stated supply.

The time of W. J. Sanderson and T. C. Sproull is at the disposal of Synod.

Our quota to the traveling fund is full.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded.

The time of one laborer is requested.

A. M. Thompson is chairman of the Committee of Supplies and John E. Foster of Bellefontaine, Ohio, is Presbyterial Treasurer.

JOHN COLEMAN, Clerk.

REPORT OF PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY.

Pacific Coast Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held one regular and one pro re nata meeting during the year. The Interim Commission held one meeting.

There are eight congregations under our care. The congregation at Winnipeg, Manitoba, was organized October 23, 1914. This congregation has already called a pastor, D. B. Elsey, who has accepted. His installation will be attended to at the earliest date practicable. Content, Alberta and Regina, Sask., are without pastoral care.

We have eight ministers on our roll. Five are pastors. One pastor-elect. W. C. Allen was certified to Iowa Presbytery September 2, 1914. D. B. Elsey was received by certificate from N. B. and N. S. Presbytery June 3, 1915. J. G. Reed was released from the pastorate of Regina Congregation June 3, 1915.

We ask for the full time of two laborers during the ensuing year.

J. G. Reed is chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Our traveling fund is paid in full.

Our statistical report was forwarded to Stated Clerk.

F. D. FRAZER, Clerk.

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

Philadelphia Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the year we have held two regular meetings.

We have three congregations under our care all having settled pastors. We have two other ministers on our roll. One is in charge of our Jewish Mission and the other is at present engaged in farming.

On May 2 a Mission Station came into existence at the Jewish Mission by the baptism of five men and two women, who were thus received into the membership of the Church.

During the past winter Philadelphia was visited by the most remarkable revival effort in its history. Apart from the wonderful

services of Mr. Sunday in the Tabernacle, the great number of prayer meetings in private homes were instruments under God for bringing blessings to His people.

The meetings created a religious atmosphere in which it was easy to present the claims of Jesus Christ. Unless we follow on in the good work, the special effort will not have been of much avail.

Our work has been blessed by God during the year. We have had an increase of sixty to our membership; fifteen of these were adult baptisms. Death, dismissal and purging the rolls removed thirty-five, leaving a net increase of twenty-five.

Our giving was increased by over $3,000.00, making an average to all purposes of over $50.00 per member.

R. A. BLAIR, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY.

Pittsburg Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since our last report we have held two regular meetings.

There are twenty-eight congregations under our care. Of these seventeen have settled pastors.

We have forty ministers enrolled and five licentiates.

S. B. Houston was received from the Associate Presbyterian Church September 25, 1914.

P. P. Boyd was released from the Brookland and North Union Congregation October 27, 1914.

E. K. Patton was ordained and installed pastor of the East End Congregation June 26, 1914.

D. C. Matthews was installed pastor of the New Alexandria Congregation December 22, 1914.

At the spring meeting of Presbytery Mr. Anthony J. Khouri was licensed to preach the Gospel, and is now in charge of the Pittsburg Syrian Mission.

We have one student of theology under our care.

Connellsville Mission Station was organized by a commission of Presbytery into a congregation on November 28, 1914. A call by this congregation upon S. B. Houston has been accepted and arrangements have been made for his installation.

A call upon J. T. Mitchell from Rehoboth Congregation is pending.

The following have been certified to other Presbyteries: W. O. Ferguson to Illinois, James McCune to Rochester, T. C. Sproull to Ohio, and Licentiate Thomas E. Graham to New York.

Faith Chapel, Spring Garden Mission, was organized into a congregation by a commission of Presbytery on May 24, 1915, to be known as Faith Congregation.

The attention of congregations was directed to the "Every-Member-Canvass" as recommended by Synod.

The full time of the following laborers is at the disposal of Synod: Licentiate W. C. Coleman, J. Burt Willson and Robert G. Graham. Ministers R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, A. J. McFarland, W. P. Johnston, S. M. Morrow, D. C. Martin, T. A. McElwain and B. M. Sharp.

We ask for the full time of two laborers.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod in due time.

Synod's traveling fund is full.

R. H. Martin is chairman of Committee on Supplies.

W. T. K. THOMPSON, Clerk.

REPORT OF ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report that one regular meeting was held during the year. At this meeting a profitable conference on the subject of prayer was held.

We have five congregations under our care. Three of these have pastors. One has a stated supply for six months of the year. James McCune was installed pastor of Almonte, December 10, 1914. J. B. Gilmore was released from the pastorate of York, June 2, 1915.

We believe that the spiritual conditions with us will compare favorably with the same conditions in other parts of our beloved Zion; but they are not up to what we desire.

The half time of William McFarland and the full time of J. B. Gilmore are at the disposal of Synod. Presbytery asks for the full time of one laborer, and the half time of another for the year. Days of thanksgiving and fasting have been observed by our congregations. Our traveling fund is full. A. A. Wylie is chairman of the Committee of Supplies.

J. R. LATIMER, Clerk.

The Committee on Church Erection and Sustentation reported. Item 6 was added to the report and it was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ERECTION AND SUSTENTATION.

Your committee respectfully reports that two papers have been placed in our hands: The report of the Boards of Sustentation and Church Erection.

The Board of Sustentation has received $601.51 during the past year, which amount is now in the treasury. As the supplement to pastors' salaries in Youngstown and White Lake congregations has been advanced out of the Domestic Mission funds, the Sustentation Board recommends that the balance on hand be turned over to the Domestic Mission treasury.

The Board of Church Erection reports that during the year but two requests for aid have been received, one from Hetherton for $200.00 to aid in buying a church building offered at a very low price, and one from Beaver Falls for a loan of $200.00 to complete an addition to the Mission Chapel on Patterson Heights. These requests were granted and in addition $1,500.00 were given La Junta Congregation on a request of the year previous.

The receipts for the year were $2,577.07, $400.00 more than last year, and still not as much as it should be. It is a heavy burden

on a new congregation to provide a place of worship even in a town of moderate size like Hemit, and much more so in cities like Portland and Winnipeg, and this board is the principal means of giving them the needed assistance. It should be well supported and it seems to us that the proceeds derived from the sale of church buildings that are disposed of should go into this fund, thus using the money for the same general purpose for which it was first given. This board reports that several requests are now expected and that the draft on the funds will be heavy during the coming year.

We join with the Board of Church Erection in regret that S. A. S. Metheny feels compelled to offer his resignation as treasurer of this board, but feel that it would not have been offered had Mr. Metheny had time and strength to continue the work.

We recommend:

1. That the recommendation of the Board of Sustentation as to the disposal of the balance now in hand be approved by the Synod.
2. That the appropriations made by the Board of Church Erection be approved.
3. That Henry O'Neill, S. A. S. Metheny and R. C. Montgomery be chosen their own successors on this board.
4. That in accepting the resignation of S. A. S. Metheny as treasurer of the Board of Church Erection the Synod desires to place on record its appreciation of his faithfulness and of the sacrifice which he has made in doing the work of the Lord.
5. That in accordance with the recommendation of the board Joseph M. Steele be chosen Treasurer of the Board of Church Erection.
6. The Synod puts on record and expresses its appreciation of the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. John Parkhill of Connellsville in providing a convenient, commodious and well-appointed house of worship for the new congregation in that city, entirely free from debt.

W. J. COLEMAN, Chairman, R. W. PIPER,
W. O. FERGUSON, W. J. MARSHALL.

The Clerk of Synod was instructed to send to Mr. Parkhill a copy of Item 6 of the above report.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

The Board of Church Erection reports only two requests for aid during the past year.

Hetherton.

On September 29, 1914, a request from the Hetherton Congregation (Mich.), for $200.00 to aid in buying a church building offered for sale by the Congregationalists, was considered. This church was erected a few years ago at a cost of $2,500.00, and was offered to our people for $500.00. It is located just across the street from the old Covenanter Church. The request for $200.00 was unanimously granted. Photographs of the two churches were submitted to the board, and from these it would appear that our Hetherton people secured a great bargain and will be comfortably housed for some years.

First Beaver Falls.

On January 26, 1915, a request from First Beaver Falls Congregation for the loan of $200.00 to complete an addition to their Mission Chapel on Patterson Heights, was considered. The board heard with great pleasure and satisfaction of the good work done in connection with this chapel by the pastor and people of First Beaver Falls Congregation. The loan was granted for two years without interest.

The above mentioned accounts do not, however, equal the sum total of the board's disbursements as indicated by the treasurer's report. The disbursements for the year include $1,500.00 granted the La Junta Congregation, March 31, 1914.

For the encouragement of the Church, and as an incentive to greater liberality, we would mention the fact that four or five additional application blanks were requested and sent out during the year. We expect to hear from some or all of these in the near future. Please note disbursements for the year exceedingly small; increase in balance for the year only $685.07.

Financial Statement.

Balance April 30, 1914		$ 2,985.77
Receipts.		
All sources		2,577.07
Total		$ 5,560.84
Disbursements.		
La Junta, Col.	$1,500.00	
Hetherton, Mich.	200.00	
First Beaver Falls, Pa.	200.00	
Total disbursements		$ 1,900.00
Balance April 30, 1915		$ 3,660.84

The Board asks for an appropriation of $4,000.00

The term for which Henry O'Neill, S. A. S. Metheny and R. C. Montgomery were elected members of the board has expired and their places should be filled.

At a meeting of the board May 18, 1915, our treasurer, S. A. S. Metheny, gave notice of his purpose to give in his resignation at this meeting of Synod. The board exceedingly regrets that Dr. Metheny feels constrained to take this action. If, however, the resignation be presented and accepted, a treasurer for the Board of Church Erection should be elected by Synod.

For this office the board recommends Joseph M. Steele. The secretary of the board was appointed to represent it on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. MONTGOMERY, Secretary.

BOARD OF SUSTENTATION.

The Board of Sustentation would respectively report:

The board has held one meeting during the year. The receipts for the year have been $609.51, which amount is now in the treasury. We recommend that the money be used to pay the supplement voted by last Synod to Youngstown, Vernon and White Lake. As the supplement for these congregations has been advanced out of the treasury of the Domestic Mission, we recommend that the balance on hand be turned over to the Domestic Mission.

S. G. CONNER, Chairman,
R. J. G. McKnight, Cor. Secy.

The Committee on Home Missions reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Item 1 was amended and adopted. Item 3 was referred to a special committee to be named by the Committee on Nominations to report at this meeting of Synod.

Report laid on the table to be made the order of the day immediately after devotional exercises on Monday morning.

Committee on Nominations made a partial report, which was adopted.

The following resolutions presented by the Committee on Systemic Beneficence were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS OFFERED BY THE COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Resolved:

1. That Synod re-affirm its action relative to the Every Member Canvass and Envelope System, and that all congregations be urged to push it during the coming year.

2. That congregations be urged to adopt the scriptural plan of bringing the whole tithe into the treasury of the Church.

3. That congregations be urged in making the Every Member Canvass to keep in view the goal: "Every Member a Tithe Payer."

4. That the Committee on Systematic Beneficence be instructed to furnish a tithe pledge for use in the Every Member campaign.

5. The terms for which D. C. Matthews and James Carson were elected has expired. Their successors should be chosen.

The chairman of the committee herewith tenders his resignation.

R. C. MATTHEWS, W. M. ROBB,
J. S. TIBBY. R. A. BLAIR,
Of the Committee.

The resignation of the chairman was accepted, and the appropriate items referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Synod adjourned with prayer by P. J. McDonald to meet Monday morning at 9:15.

MONDAY MORNING.

Synod met at 9:15 and being called to order was constituted in prayer by T. C. Sproull. The roll was called, but the delinquents were excused.

The devotional exercises were conducted by J. K. Robb.

The minutes of the session on Saturday morning were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions being the order of the day, it was taken up, and the representatives of the several boards were heard in behalf of their work.

The Committee on Nominations made a partial report, which was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions would respectfully report:

The papers referred to your committee are the reports of the Central Board of Missions and of the Jewish Missions. These show an encouraging condition of this part of the Church's work. We commend very highly the efforts of our representatives in these missions. Their many lines of activity indicate that they are sowing beside all waters.

We note with special thanksgiving the ingathering at the Jewish Mission, and call on the entire Church to earnestly supplicate the God of Israel that this may be only the earnest of a great harvest among God's ancient people. We should not forget our indebtedness to them, nor think their hearts too hard for the Holy Spirit to move.

The report of the Central Board indicates a careful supervision of the work under its direction. We commend the alertness of the board in looking after fields that offer hope of an organized work.

From the reports made to this Synod by the Indian Mission in recent years we gather that the work there is approaching the conditions of a settled congregation. The care exercised in nurturing these babes in Christ is highly commendable.

The extensive field offered to our workers among the negroes is calculated to call forth the fullest interest of the Church and to command the utmost efforts of the workers. The value of this work is not to be measured by the numerical additions to our communion. We have part in remodeling the life of people to whom our country owes a large debt for unrequited toil. We would encourage our workers in that field to keep constantly before them the claims of the Covenanter Church on those entrusted to their care, and the desirability of building up a strong self-sustaining Congregation in that field. We commend very highly the religious work done in connection with the schools, as also the various lines of effort that are calculated to meet the social and industrial needs of the community.

While it does not come within the compass of the papers referred to us, we think it worth while to call attention of pastors and congregation to the work of a missionary character that lies within their local fields. Opportunities for such work exists in many places. Sometimes it is the immigrant that constitutes the call; elsewhere it is the neglected communities of our native people. Some of our congregation have for long years done faithful work along these lines. These are to be commended for their efforts and others are to be encouraged to emulate their example.

We recommend:

1. That Rev. J. C. McFeeters, Mr. William G. Carson and Mr. Daniel Adams be appointed their own successors on the Board of Jewish Missions; that Joseph M. Steele be added to the board; that Rev. Robert Park, R. H. Martin and Mr. J. S. Tibby be appointed their own successors on the Central Board, and that Rev. E. K. Patton be appointed to fill the remaining vacancy.

2. That the superintendents of the Jewish, Indian and Southern missions and the secretary of the Central Board be heard in connection with the report.

3. While we realize the inconvenience arising from the present plan of the Mission Conference composed of the members of the Central Board and representatives from the various Presbyteries, we are of the opinion that the present representative plan will serve the interests of all concerned better than the proposed change.

W. C. ALLEN, J. C. CALDERWOOD,
H. G. FOSTER, W. J. CRAWFORD.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF JEWISH MISSIONS.

We record our unfeigned gratitude to God for His goodness throughout the year. He has blessed the missionaries with strength, has provided the means for the work, and set his seal on the labors in a most gracious way.

The opposition of the Jews referred to a year ago has continued. Sometimes they were openly hostile; at no time were the workers free from a sense of hidden antagonism. Yet the missionaries have shown rare tact and prudence, a patience and a faith born of the Spirit. We cannot commend them too highly to the confidence, sym-

pathies and prayers of the Church. Despite the opposition the attendance has constantly increased and the work enlarged in every way, since our last report. The general schedule calls for meetings in the building every day in the week except Monday and Wednesday. There are two on Tuesday, two on Thursday, one on Friday, one on Saturday and four on Sabbath. There is an aggregate weekly attendance of about 220. Thanksgiving Day, the Christmas holidays and the Jewish Passover were made the occasion of special meetings. Others for social enjoyment and more formal entertainments were held with the co-operation of friends from the Covenanter Congregations of Philadelphia.

The past year has been a time of unusual physical need among large classes in the city. These hardships fell with peculiar severity upon the Jewish population. By money contributed for the purpose something was done for the relief of the more needy who came under the view of our workers. Repairs and improvements in the building were turned to account by our missionaries for giving employment to Jewish workmen. A quantity of clothing was made available for distribution by the donations of the societies of the Church and the Emergency Aid Committee, composed of women of Philadelphia. In the distribution of these supplies the aim was judiciously to relieve suffering among the poor and express the love of Jesus Christ. It is believed that doors were hereby opened for the gospel.

The regular preaching services are held Friday and Sabbath evenings. At these Mr. Blair speaks in English and Mr. Klass in Yiddish. The average attendance is about thirty. An adult Bible class met for three months each Sabbath evening at 6 o'clock. There were about thirty enrolled, with an average attendance of perhaps eighteen. The Sabbath school meets each Sabbath at 3 o'clock. The enrollment is sixty and the average attendance forty.

There are outdoor preaching services during the summer season. These have now been under way for almost a month, and will continue until October. It is proposed to hold one or two of them each Sabbath afternoon between the Sabbath School and evening service; and four or five noonday meetings during the week. It is impossible to determine how many persons give attentive hearing at these outdoor meetings, but many do so and at times as many as 200 or 300 are within the hearing of the gospel. In all these meetings the speaking of Mr. Klass in Yiddish is an important factor.

During a part of the winter there were classes in English two nights in the week. Here there is a personal touch which means much in the direct presentation of the Gospel. About twenty persons have attended these meetings, more or less regularly, with an average of seven or eight each evening. A Believers' Class for those desiring to profess their faith was conducted for a time.

Miss Forsyth has materially increased her work during the year. The large number of visits in the homes of the people is a witness to her faithfulness. The aggregate for the year is 1,111 visits. Besides the visiting and taking a large place in the Sabbath School she has continued the weekly meetings of the Mercy Band, in which 125 children have been enrolled, with about seventy as the average

attendance; the girls' sewing class with an enrollment of forty and an average attendance of thirty. She has added through the year the Young People's Class, which meets Sabbath evening at 7 o'clock with about twenty in attendance; and the mothers' meeting which began with two Jewish mothers has now an attendance of about fifteen. In all these classes the Psalms are sung and verses of Scripture are memorized. Thus the work grows apace and the only limit to new developments is the measure of physical strength and means to support the Mission.

Mr. Klass, known a year ago among the Jews by the name of Muller, has been continued in the work for his full time. Some of the more effective work now done would be hindered without the help of one who speaks the language of the people. He is under the direction and control of Mr. Blair, and should in time become a more useful helper.

We also report the Daily Vacation Bible School, which was conducted last summer, five days in the week, for a period of six weeks, with an enrollment of 105.

Members of our churches in Philadelphia have given of their time and effort in many departments of the work. Several workers from the First Church have been able to enter more largely into these opportunities, as in the kindergarten, the sewing classes, the Sabbath School and other lines of service, thus rendering most efficient help.

The board desires to thank the Church for her prayers and hearty support of the Mission; and in this connection we take pleasure in publicly acknowledging the most generous material and moral help of Mrs. E. F. Peebles and her daughter, Miss Peebles, who, although not members of our Church, have given time and strength and prayers and means for no other motive than the love of the Lord Jesus Christ and his service. They still occupy rooms in the building. Their contributions, together with the blessing of the Lord which inclined the hearts of the Church to this Mission, have enabled the board to close the year, April 30, with a balance in the treasury which we hope will meet the needs until further collections come in.

The most important item of the year's report is that the Lord visited the Mission with his benign salvation. Seven souls were brought as we trust, into the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour. Three Italians—a father, mother and daughter of 14 years—and four Jews, fathers of families, professed their faith in Christ and asked for baptism. The board referred the matter to Philadelphia Presbytery, which appointed a provisional session, consisting of one ruling elder from each of the three congregations to act with Mr. Blair, the Moderator. The applicants appeared before this session and were examined as to their faith in Christ and readiness to unite with the Church. All having passed examination, they were on Sabbath, May 2, publicly baptized in the Mission Building, and the same day sat down with the missionaries and other friends of the Mission at the Lord's Table in the first communion ever dispensed in the Mission of the Covenant to Israel.

We take this as an earnest of the time foretold by the prophet: "In that day shall ye say, praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for He hath done excellent things: this

is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."

In view of the enlarging work and opportunities for further developments, we request that Synod appropriate $4,000 to this Mission. We believe the entire sum will be required.

The time for which J. C. McFeeters, William G. Carson and Daniel Adams were appointed to the board has expired. Their successors should be chosen. Mr. Wilson was appointed to represent the board on the floor of Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. C. McFEETERS, President.
FINDLEY M. WILSON, Secretary.

REPORT OF CENTRAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Central Board of Missions would respectfully report that the regular meetings have been held during the year. The interest of the various missions under the care of this board have received careful attention.

Domestic Missions.

The board has paid the supplement to the salaries of the pastors of aid-receiving congregations to the amount approved by Synod. As in the past, the board has voted supplements in cases of settlement since the last meeting of Synod, and has used the funds under the control of this board for the development of new fields.

Synod will note that there is a balance in the treasury of Domestic Missions, but it should also be noted that this fund during the year has received from the congregations and societies of the church much less than 50 per cent of the amount appropriated by Synod.

It cannot be reasonably expected that this fund will always be favored in the bequests of individuals as it has been this year.

Receipts for the year	$13,480.24
Expenditures	10,985.95
Balance	$ 2,260.74

We request for this mission an appropriation of $12,000.00.

Southern Mission.

The work among the negroes in Selma and adjacent fields has been prosecuted with vigor. The day schools opened at the usual time. The work in the kindergarten began as early as September 25th; Knox Academy and East Selma opened on October 5th; Pleasant Grove and Valley Creek on November 2nd.

The teachers were all present at the opening with the exception of Miss Ella Frazier, who did not arrive until late in October. Mrs. S. F. Kingston substituted in her absence.

The enrollment in the academy on the opening day was 430. The attendance increased from time to time and the total enrollment for the year was 554. This is not the largest number that has been enrolled, but the average attendance has been the best in years.

The negroes have suffered from the present financial stringency, and yet the superintendent reports that the hard times seemed to

incite the students to greater zeal in the prosecution of their studies. Thus the dark cloud spilled a blessing.

The teachers report that the work done in the grades has been unusually good. Miss Ella Thompson has taught drawing in several of the grades.

The academy has supported a band, a glee club and a choral class. Singing has been taught in all the grades. Piano and vocal instruction was also provided.

The industrial department has prospered. The annual industrial exhibit did credit to the school. Ninety-five boys took the courses in carpentry and blacksmithing under Prof. Bottoms. On exhibition day more than 100 articles, ranging from rolling pins to buggies, were presented for public inspection. Book cases and writing desks were among the finished products. The motto of this department is: "Boys, what will you do?"

In the Girl's Industrial Department the results were no less gratifying. On exhibition day the girls served ice cream and cake of their own manufacture and not only furnished proof of their culinary skill, but also added $20.00 to the treasury in this department.

Ninety-two girls were enrolled in the cooking department and 165 in the sewing department. In the cooking school a modern, scientific text-book is used.

East Selma has kept pace with the other schools. Miss Sophia Kingston is a capable principal, and this year she had the able assistance of Miss Laura Mae Kingston, a graduate of Knox Academy.

The attendance at this school was not as large as in former years because the hard times compelled so many families to move into the country. This school also had an exhibition day, and the work done was highly commended by the visitors. A Mother's Improvement Club was organized in the vicinity of the school and the interest of the women has been a most encouraging feature. Out of their poverty these women have contributed to provide coal for the school during the winter.

Pleasant Grove had an enrollment of sixty-six. This school is located in a very needy district. A special effort is made to provide religious instruction for the whole community. A Sabbath School is maintained and the superintendent of the mission preaches there one Sabbath each month. The attendance averages twenty-five.

The kindergarten was conducted for seven months by Mrs. S. A. Parker, and the enrollment for the year was eighty-nine. Into this school little children from 4 to 7 years of age are gathered for a portion of the day for five days a week. These children are taken from the streets and the hours which they spend in the more healthful environment of the school cannot but result in lasting benefit.

In all the schools 829 pupils have been under the care of our mission.

Special efforts have been made this year for the moral and spiritual development of these lives. Special meetings for prayer have been held and special services have been conducted with a view to leading them to an acceptance of Christ as Saviour. Teachers' prayer meetings have been held every Tuesday morning before the opening of school, and on decision days many of the pupils have taken their stand for Christ.

The teachers of East Selma write that the work has been more effective spiritually than ever before. Prayer meetings were held every Wednesday afternoon and were conducted by the pupils themselves. There were sixteen converts in this school. The Sabbath School meets each Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock. The attendance ranges from 200 to 225. At 3 o'clock a Bible School is conducted in the Church, with an attendance of 125. In the Valley Creek Bible School the attendance is thirty-five; Pleasant Grove, thirty; East Selma, eigthy-five.

The Bible and the catechism are taught every day in all the schools and the pupils have memorized an average of 376 Bible verses and catechism questions for the year.

The health of the teachers has been good and there has been no interruption of the work due to illness with the exception of an indisposition which necessitated the absence of Miss Martin for three weeks in April.

The field in Selma is patently needy. A prominent colored citizen of Selma said recently in the academy chapel: "If the kind of work you are doing was needed here fifty years ago, it is needed more now. We need it because without it a multitude of negro boys and girls around here can have no school training for life, and we need it because of the unique character of the training that is given to the negro people here. I was trained here. I know what it is and I know that it is the thing we need."

We ought to thank God that the Covenanter Church has been awakened to help to atone for the wrong done to the black race by our own nation.

Receipts for the year	$11,776.81
Expenditures	12,459.11
Balance	$ 1,730.83

We request for this mission $6,500.00.

Indian Mission.

The superintendent of the Indian Mission reports that this has been a year of steady work rather than of special events. Three communions were held during the year and three members were added to the roll of the congregation and two members were restored to the full privileges of the church.

The attendance at Church services has been very good. The wagons were sent out from the mission each Sabbath day to bring in the children from the homes of the white people, and except in extreme cold weather these wagons came back loaded with children. The attendance of the Indians is as regular as in white communities. The prevalent low standard in morals among the white people of the community is one of the greatest hindrances to the work. Much of the influence of the mission is dissipated by contact with men whose aim in life seems to be to keep the Indian in degradation.

There is also a strong inclination in the Indian himself to revert to his heathen customs when once he is free from the restraining and refining influences of Christian people. The older Indians seem to feel that it would be better for the rising generation to follow the

old Indian customs than to follow in the lewd ways of degenerate whites.

As far as these alternatives are concerned the Indian's reasoning is sound, but it is a sad commentary on the morals of the white race. It is day by day being demonstrated that a veneered civilization is valueless.

The Geronimo Apaches, who seemed so ready to come into the Church last year, have been checked by the change of missionaries at their headquarters. The Reformed Church Mission, under whose care they were, is on the point of establishing a new branch of their mission in Apache and is making every effort to hold them as their members.

The Indians have become accustomed to the ways of the Reformed Church and are reluctant to make the change. The Geronimo Indians expect a great deal more attention than the present force at our mission can give them, and the result is dissatisfaction. They spend a good deal of their time reflecting upon the Church and upon the Government for a lack of interest in their welfare.

The workers, however, have by no means abandoned hope of reaching this class.

When the roads permitted, the trip of forty-two miles to Fort Scott was made on the Sabbath day and services were held by the way at another camp where the Indians congregate.

Rev. Owen Thompson continued the work of Miss Emma McFarland among the Apaches who are near the mission.

He held services in their camps every Sabbath morning and during the week visited them and gave them secular instruction as well.

The Cache Creek Mission School opened September 21, 1914, and closed May 15, 1915. Fifteen children were enrolled—nine girls and six boys. Four of this number were Geronimo Apaches and the rest were Comanches. Two of the Apache girls were in school only one month while their parents were absent from home.

One of the pupils entered the Consolidated School March 1. She was far in advance of the other pupils in that school. At the end of the term she led her class.

The children were required to spend a part of each day in memorizing and repeating verses from the Bible. Bible stories were read to them every day and each child was given a Bible Story Book to take home.

Kindergarten methods were employed and the pupils learned to read and write and made some progress in arithmetic. The health of the children under the care of the mission was good.

The older children in every case were encouraged to attend the public school. The wisdom of the move which associated the Indians and the white children in one school is apparent.

The field matron's work lies largely among the children that attend the public school. She visits the homes from which they come and seeks to extend the influence of the Church to these homes. Her visits are not confined to the Indian families but are extended to the white families as well. The products of the farm have furnished a great deal of the necessary provisions for the mission throughout the year. The treasurer's books show a considerable amount realized from the sale of farm products and, while the

year has not been a favorable one from the farmer's point of view, it has been a year of progress in the real work of the mission.

Receipts for the year	$7,123.79
Expenditures	7,972.86
Balance	$ 817.10

We request for this mission an appropriation of $6,500.00.

Home Missions.

The board has kept in close touch with developments in the various mission stations of the Church, particularly those in Canada. Steps are being taken to cultivate these fields as the way opens up and as workers are available.

The organization of a congregation at Winnipeg and the settlement of a pastor shows that this work is worthy of the attention of the Church. The Church cannot afford to neglect the cultivation of any field where there is any prospect of organizing a congregation. We need faith to build for the future and patience to wait for the harvest.

The close of the war in Europe will mean increased immigration of our people from Ireland and Scotland, and we ought to preserve every nucleus around which these immigrating brethren might possibly gather. If the Church had had sufficient faith and foresight and means we might have had strong congregations in many places where now the Covenanter name is unknown. Dr. J. S. Thompson, while engaged in pastoral duties, still conducts a large correspondence in the interest of this work.

The board would make the following recommendations to Synod:

1. Since the traveling expense of one day's preaching is as great as of two or more days, the expense of travel greater than it once was, and vacant congregations sometimes far apart, and since a supply away from home cannot afford to provide entertainment for himself during the intervening time, it is very desirable that he shall have two or more days at the same place.

This would also give opportunity for pastoral work in calling upon the sick, looking after the careless and aiding in all the activities of the congregation.

We, therefore, recommend to Synod the passage of resolutions urging Committees on Supplies to give as few single-day appointments and as many of two or more days in one place as possible, and to commend this action to the attention of Presbyteries. The grouping of two or more congregations under the care of one pastor and the placing of a weak congregation under the care of the nearest pastor, we think, is greatly to be preferred to having congregations remain vacant year after year.

We recommend:

2. That the Central Board of Missions have entire charge of all matters now managed by the Mission Conference.

The board has appointed R. J. G. McKnight to represent it on the floor of Synod.

The term for which Revs. Robert Park, R. H. Martin, D. C. Martin and Mr. J. S. Tibby were appointed has expired and their successors should be chosen.

S. G. CONNER, Chairman.
R. J. G. McKNIGHT, Cor. Sec.

The Stated Clerk submitted his annual report. It was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF STATED CLERK.

Statistics May 1, 1914, to May 1, 1915.

There are reported this year eleven Presbyteries, 118 congregations, five mission stations, 139 ministers, eleven licentiates, one of whom is a Greek, and one a Syrian; five students of theology, two of whom were licensed; 450 elders, 377 deacons, 9,452 communicants, an increase of 699, and a decrease of 549; 309 baptisms, 10,715 enrolled in the Sabbath Schools and 2,101 in the Young People's Societies.

Total contributions $239,220, or $27.70 per member, being 4 cents less per member than last year. Syrian Mission contributions $21,401.09 and China Mission contributions $17,384.13, or $4.49 per member, being 44 cents more per member than last year. These latter items are from the books of Treasurer S. A. S. Metheny.

CONGREGATIONS—Eighty-five have pastors, twenty-nine are without pastors, Winnipeg, Canada, Congregation was organized October 23, 1914; Philadelphia, Pa., Jewish Mission organized April 30, 1915; Connellsville, Pa., Congregation November 28, 1914; Lo Ting, China, Congregation October 15, 1914. Faith N. S., Pittsburg, Pa., Congregation May 24, 1915.

MINISTERS—There are 139 ministers. There were eleven installations, two ordinations and installations, seven dissolutions of the pastoral relation. Two pastors have double charges, six are stated supplies. J. Boggs Dodds was installed pastor of Greeley, Col., Congregation July 16, 1914. W. O. Ferguson at Oakdale, Ill., July 22, 1914; W. C. Allen at Glenwood, Minn., October 23, 1914; H. G. Patterson at Morning Sun, Iowa, December 1, 1914; G. M. Robb at Quinter, Kas., June 17, 1914; John M. Rutherford at Billings, Okla., November 6, 1914; W. C. McClurkin at Olathe, Kas., April 14, 1915; R. W. Piper at Belle Center, Ohio, May 21, 1915; D. C. Matthews at New Alexandria, Pa., December 22, 1914; James McCune at Almonte, Canada, December 19, 1914; W. G. Robb at Hetherton, Mich., June 14, 1914. E. K. Patton was ordained and installed at East End Congregation June 26, 1914; Thomas E. Graham ordained and installed at Bovina, N. Y., Congregation September 2, 1914. The pastoral relation between D. C. Matthews and Old Bethel, Ill., Congregation was dissolved November 18, 1914; W. C. McClurkin and Church Hill, Ill., Congregation March 8, 1915; H. G. Patterson and Vernon, Wis., Congregation November 19, 1914; R. W. Piper and Jonathan's Creek Congregation October 26, 1914; J. G. Reed and Regina, Can., Congregation June 3, 1915; P. P. Boyd and Brookland and North Union, Pa., Congregations October 27, 1914; J. B. Gilmore and York, N. Y., Congregation June 2, 1915.

Of the ministers without charges, six are stated supplies, eleven in the Foreign Mission work, three in reform work, five at Geneva College, two in the Theological Seminary, five in secular calling, fifteen unable to engage actively in the ministry.

COMMUNICANTS—The total number is 9,452, in the home Church 8,634, in the foreign fields 818. Three hundred and ninety-five were

received in the home Church by profession and 236 by certificate; 130 entered into their rest and 396 were dismissed. No report was received from the Levant. China Mission reports 376 members; sixty-eight were added and twenty-three dismissed, making a net gain of forty-five. The Levant reported 442 members last year. This gives us a net increase of ninety-two in the home field and forty-five in the foreign, or a total of 137. Colorado Presbytery shows a gain of twelve members, Illinois of five, Kansas of thirty-eight, Pacific Coast of fifty, Philadelphia of twenty-five, New York of three, Iowa reports a loss of eleven, Ohio of four, Pittsburg of eleven and New Brunswick and Nova Scotia of two. Twenty-eight congregations had not a single accession. Winnipeg, Can., Congregation reports the largest increase, viz.: thirty-one members. Second New York has the largest membership, 239 members. Fifty-three congregations contributed to all the schemes of the Church, an increase of twelve. The number of tithers is 1,808, an increase of 396; eight additional parsonages are reported, making the number thirty-three.

CONTRIBUTIONS—Four schemes show an increase of contributions, viz.: Indian Mission, $677.00; Jewish Mission, $1,262.00; Geneva College, $2,113.00; Widows and Orphans, $178.00. Ten schemes report a decrease, viz.: Syrian Mission, $2,786.00; China, $892.00; Domestic, $2,600.00; Southern, $165.00; Theological Seminary, $26.00; Church Erection, $661.00; Aged People's Home, $49.00; Witness Bearing, $506.00; Temperance, $237.00; Students' Aid, $36.00. Salaries paid to pastors show an increase over last year of $8,030.00. Certified copies of 1913 Minutes were received from the Clerk of Synod and filed, as also a Minute book of Iowa Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES S. TIBBY, Stated Clerk.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted. While the first speaker under Item 6 was speaking the hour for adjournment arrived. The motion was made and carried that Mr. Edgar be given unlimited time to finish his address immediately after convening in the afternoon. The report was laid on the table. Recess was taken, J. R. Steele leading in prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Synod re-convened at 2:15 and being called to order, R. W. Piper offered prayer. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

A resolution proposing certain changes in the charter of

Geneva College was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

Samuel Edgar resumed his address.

Having heard Mr. Edgar of the Syrian Mission, Mr. J. K. Robb and Miss Jennie Dean of the China Mission, Synod spent a short period in devotion, expressing thanks to God for the safe keeping of our missionaries in troublous times. Six verses of the Forty-sixth Psalm were sung, after which W. P. Johnston and A. Kilpatrick offered prayer.

J. C. McFeeters and R. M. Sommerville spoke in behalf of the Foreign Mission Board.

The missionaries at home on furlough from the foreign fields and their wives who were present were then brought forward and introduced to the Court by the Moderator.

Synod took action as follows:

Resolved that this Synod places on record gratitude to God: Praise to His high and holy name, and thanksgiving from the fulness of our hearts for spreading the shadow of his wings over our missionaries exposed to danger, for guiding them to safety, and in sustaining them with His gracious presence. To Him through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be all the glory.

Item 7 was adopted. The report was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee would respectfully report:

Two papers have been placed in our hands: First, "The minutes of Commission in China." We have examined them and found nothing contrary to the law and order of the Church. They are ready to be embodied in the minutes of this Court.

Second, "The report of Foreign Board." In this report are some facts deserving of special attention.

There have been peculiar difficulties in connection with the work during the past year, due in the main to the present great war. The work has been restricted by the detention of some missionaries in this country, the banishment of others from their field of work. The limitation of all activities of the workers, remaining in the Levant and the difficulties in transmission of workers, correspondence and money. The isolation of the workers in the war zone has been a severe trial to them and their friends. Illness has required the premature return of faithful and much needed workers.

Among the needs emphasized is the ever insistent one of prayer. Again and again the missionaries plead for the prayers of those in the home land. It is needed for the Church at home, the board, the missionaries, the converts, the unconverted and for the direction of world events in favor of the Kingdom of Christ. More workers are needed, needed now and much needed. A special call is made for two women to do evangelistic work in China. Who will go? We need to meet many opportunities for advancement of the work in different ways. Every encouragement should be given to the efforts toward a self-supporting native church and to provide for it capable leaders. We sorely need reserve workers to fill the gap made by the retirement for a time of those disabled at the front and of those at home on well-deserved furlough. Those remaining on duty are over burdened.

We are grateful for encouragements in the work. We give thanks to God that in danger, sickness and trial, all our missionaries have been spared. The progress of the work is noted. Data from the Levant missions is not available. But there has been about 15 per cent increase again in the membership of the China Mission. A new congregation was organized at Lo Ting. Native Christians show commendable activity in efforts to bring others to Christ. The work of ministers, physicians and teachers is united in evangelistic efforts.

The board in charge of the mission has given faithful attention to the varied interests under its care. We make special mention of prolonged, faithful and self-sacrificing service rendered by the Rev. R. M. Sommerville, D. D., the retiring corresponding secretary. In the judgment of his brethren, he deserves the Master's commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant." We also make grateful recognition of the work done by S. A. S. Metheny, M. D., in the capacity of treasurer. His aptness for the work, devotion to its interests and practical experience as a missionary made him a valuable agent in the work. We regret that it becomes necessary for these men to resign.

We recommend:

1. The renewal of the claim upon every member of the Church to pray daily for the interests of the work.

2. The effort to bring native Churches to self-support under the direction of their own people as leaders.

3. The approval of the call for two women for evangelistic work in China.

4. A rising vote in appreciation of the service rendered by Dr. Sommerville as corresponding secretary for the board, and of Dr. Metheny as treasurer.

5. That Rev. F. M. Foster, Ph. D., Rev. J. C. McFeeters, D. D., Rev. F. M. Wilson, D. D., Mr. R. J. Bole and Mr. S. R. Boggs be appointed as their own successors on the board.

6. That the latest returned missionaries, Rev. J. K. Robb and Rev. S. Edgar, be heard by Synod in behalf of the work, and that the other missionaries here be presented to the members of the Court, and that Dr. J. C. McFeeters be heard as the representative of the board, and that Dr. R. M. Sommerville also be heard.

7. That we bow to the will of our Heavenly Father in the removal from earthly relations of Mr. Walter T. Miller, who for a long term of years rendered efficient service as treasurer of the board.

A. A. SAMSON, Chairman,
E. L. McKNIGHT, JOHN RUTHERFORD,
JOHN ARMSTRONG, E. F. THOMPSON.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

An obstacle may check the progress of an enterprise and yet not be an unsurmountable barrier in the way of ultimate success. The European war may restrain the movements of missionaries and obstruct certain departments of their work, but war cannot bind the word of the Lord and thus prevent the progress of His truth any more than Turkish guns could keep the Allied battleships from forcing an entrance into the Dardanelles, however strongly fortified, and however full of hidden perils its swiftly rushing waters.

The Mission in Syria deemed it inexpedient, in the disturbed condition of the country, to gather children and young people into boarding schools, with the result of an unusually large attendance at the day schools, and thus many who might not otherwise have heard the gospel have been brought into contact with saving and purifying truth. While Rev. Samuel Edgar of Latakia, and his friend, Dr. S. Kennedy, representative at Alexandretta, of the Covenanter Church in Ireland, were, because of their British citizenship, arrested as prisoners of war and subsequently expelled from Syria, their associates in service and in home relationship, noble women, whose names will live in missionary story, kept at work with loyalty to a sacred trust above all praise, refusing to seek personal safety in flight when the way was open, rather than forsake the native converts who had learned to look to them for help and sympathy in hours and scenes of peril.

Comfort Under Trial.

Under peculiar testing circumstances the missionaries have been at rest in God. Sheltered in the hollow of His hand, their experiences must have been not unlike that of Isaiah, who "as fierce armies girdled his city," could sing with an unyielding assurance of security, "Thou wilt keep him in peace—peace—whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee"; or that of the Covenanter Peden, who could sing when surrounded by deaths manifold among the moors and mists of Scotland:

"Thou art my hiding place; Thou shalt
From trouble keep me free;
Thou with songs of deliverance
About shalt compass me"—

the key verse of a Psalm that he described to fellow-sufferers as his "daily provision." In a personal letter, Miss Maggie B. Edgar writes, voicing, we are sure, the feelings of all her associates: "All of the mission circle are in good health, and we have reason to be thankful to our Covenant God that we have been kept in peace and safety. Our home friends, we know, have been anxious about us, and we are certain that there have been many prayers offered in our behalf."

Speaking of Miss M. Florence Mearns, the latest accession to the foreign teaching staff in Latakia, she says: "My companion in work is very much of a help and comfort, and is working hard all the time. I am very glad indeed to have her with me." Our senior missionary, Miss Mattie R. Wylie, whose sufferings are well known, and who is consequently laid aside from former activities, sends this message to the Churches: "I am not strong, of course, but I am thankful for my hands and eyes and voice. I have a great many visitors, and I read to nearly as many people as when I could go about. I am so grateful to the Giver of all our mercies that I can do this, and can give comfort to people." The words that carry strength and courage into her heart are, "What time I am afraid I will trust in Thee."

No Formal Reports.

All that has been said regarding limitations to Christian work in Syria, occasioned by the fact of war in Turkey, is equally true of Asia Minor. Owing to the censoring of both incoming and outgoing mail, the missions have not been able to send the board the usually full and satisfactory statements of operations in these fields. But it may be gathered from letters to the secretary, though necessarily brief and guarded, that work has been conducted, as in former years, with encouraging results. The gospel has been preached and ordinances administered with many tokens of the divine favor. "The attendance," as one writer describes it, "is unusually good at all times," adding, "and we are glad for the opportunities opened before us."

In Latakia there were some 160 girls and some 260 boys under religious instruction; but we have no definite information respecting the schools in outlying districts. As Dr. Stewart says, though hearing from them regularly, the missionaries are not at liberty to visit them. In Mersina, as Rev. A. J. McFarland reports, the work is going on as usual, Miss Sterrett having fifty girls under her oversight and instruction, while in the boys' department there are many pupils, though the exact number is not given. Mr. McFarland is also free to visit and supervise the work in Tarsus and Adana, though forced to make the journey on horseback, no trains leaving Mersina, and only one a week each way between Tarsus and Adana.

It is a pleasure to report that, through the courtesy of the Standard Oil Company, our treasurer has been able to keep these two stations supplied with funds needed to meet salaries and field expenses.

Cyprus Undisturbed.

The third mission in the Levant, and a very promising one, is in Cyprus. Early in the war that is convulsing so many nations, Britain proclaimed the annexation of this island. It had been ceded to the British Government by the treaty of Berlin upon the stipulated payment of a large annual rental to Turkey, but now it is a British possession. Whatever political advantages may be secured to Britain by the possession of Cyprus as "an invaluable outpost for the defense of the Suez Canal and a barrier to any enemy that might threaten to block free and indisputable communication through Egypt to her far-off Empire in India," must be left to statesmen to

discuss. What concerns us is the bearing it should have upon the re-establishment in that historic land of the pure Christianity that exerted such a controlling influence in the time of the Apostles. At the command of its Mediatorial King, the Church of Antioch set apart Paul and Barnabas to the special work to which He had called them. Sailing from Seleucia in Syria, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, they landed at Salamis in Cyprus, presumably near the modern Famagusta, and then went through the island preaching the gospel and supplying illustrations of its saving power, till they reached Baffo, the Paphos of the Acts, whence they sailed to Perga in Pamphylia in continuation of their foreign missionary tour.

On the island there have been no disturbances because of the war, and nothing to occasion any anxiety as to the progress of the mission; neither at Larnaca, where the American Academy is located, nor at Nicosia, the headquarters of a notably successful medical department. At the first sound of war in Turkey many fled from Syria to Cyprus for varied reasons, thus increasing the demand for shelter and food. One family that the mission was glad to welcome to its hospitality was that of the venerable Dr. James Martin, forced to abandon his work at Antioch after more than forty years of devoted service, as the representative of the Covenanter Church in Ireland and Scotland, and the doctor was not slow to recognize the brotherly welcome by teaching classes, and on one occasion, when Rev. W. McCarroll was short of money to meet expenses, generously handed over as an accommodation for that purpose some funds that he had received for personal use.

As a specimen of the hardships that the missionaries in the Levant have had to endure, it may be mentioned that while Cyprus was open to the world by mail and telegraph, they were shut in for months from all direct communication with the other two missions in the Levant, though perhaps less than fifty miles south of Asia Minor, and not more than fifty miles from the Syrian Coast, a small matter, some one may say, and yet a serious drawback to those who realize the benefit derived from the communion of saints. Paul, a prince on the roll of foreign missionaries, said when writing to friends at Rome: "I long to see you that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; that is that I with you may be comforted, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine."

We gather from the table of statistics sent us and which will be published in OLIVE TREES, the Lord's Supper was dispensed once in Larnaca and twice in Nicosia, and that there are thirty-nine communicants, three added during the year and three of a decrease. The statistics also show sixteen teachers employed, among them a Greek licensed preacher, one Turkish interpreter, and eight teachers. In the American Academy there were 122 under Christian instruction: Fifty Greeks, thirty Turks, twenty-two Armenians, fifteen Syrians, two Jews and three other nationalities. The receipts from local sources are given as £695 14s. 0d.—£121 from the medical department, £323 9s. 0d. from boarding department, £112 9s. 0d. for tuition, £127 8s. 0d. for books and instruments, and £11 8s. 0d. church collections. Writing April 9, 1915, Mr. McCarroll says: "I conducted communion services in Nicosia last week and had a very encouraging season, good attendance and marked interest."

Reports From China.

The field reports from China are papers of special value, brimful of information that unconsciously responds to the very questions that intelligent people are likely to ask about the work, and is fitted to draw out liberality and prayer. The flood that inundated Tak Hing and other places on the West River, damaging to some extent some of the mission buildings, and destroying houses and other property of the Chinese, increased the labors of the missionaries, but at the same time afforded them a good opportunity to give the converts object lessons on industry and sanitation, and they never halted in a witnessing for Christ that has been fruitful in winning men to an acceptance of the truth.

Congregational Work.

In his annual statement to the board, Rev. J. K. Robb thus describes the congregational work under his direction at Tak Hing: "We have had some new experiences in the management of congregational affairs, though there has been but little, taking the work as a whole, that may be termed unusual. There has been a marked spirit of desire shown by some of our leading members to participate in the planning of church work and a willingness to assist in carrying out these plans. We could wish that more of our people were imbued with this spirit, and it is our hope and prayer that it may show itself more generally than it does. It has come to be a conviction with me that our congregation at Tak Hing has reached a stage of development which requires leadership and oversight that the missionaries cannot successfully furnish. There are a few among our native helpers who are now qualified to exercise a larger degree of authority than they have been entrusted with heretofore. It is my hope that the missionaries may be soon relieved of some duties that they have in the past succeeded in discharging very imperfectly at the best, and that those duties may be laid upon native brethren, whose experiences in the management of Church affairs during recent years have fitted them for higher and more responsible service."

The Lord's Supper was administered twice at Tak Hing, where there is a reported membership of 173, and there were also three communions held at Tung On, a substation, where the present membership is thirty-one, making a total of 204.

From the field report of Rev. D. R. Taggart, who was in charge of Do Sing, Fung Chuen, Tak Hing Street Chapel and the district north of Tak Hing, we select the following items: "This report is written in the after-glow of communions recently held in Do Sing; I say **glow**, for I never return from one of these communion seasons without feeling that China is on the verge of a spiritual awakening. Not that all the members are alive to their responsibilities as Church members. Some of them do not even appreciate their privileges; but some of them do, one member having brought in one or more inquirers to every communion since he himself became a member. Faithfulness in Church attendance, brotherly love, growth in grace, and general aggressiveness are among the encouraging evidences of the Spirit's working.

"This field has been worked almost exclusively through the native Christians, for, as you know, we are some twenty miles from that

station, and visits have been made once or twice each month. Two school-teachers, one for each of the schools; two evangelists, each of whom gave part time to the boys' school and part time to a Bible woman, constituted our trained force. . . .

"Communion was dispensed six times during the year; three times in the chapel and three times on the river bank to the lepers. Twenty-two were baptized and received into full membership in the Church, just lacking one of doubling the previous roll. Twelve of the twenty-two were lepers. Death has been active, five lepers and one other having heard the Master's call. Of the lepers we can sincerely say their faces show the first fruits of the glory that should follow just as plainly as their bodies manifest the sufferings they have endured. And, all in all, they are a lovable set of people, and yet we rejoice in their home-going, for to them to die is gain.

"One more advance ought to be mentioned. A subscription paper has been passed, and a very encouraging beginning has been made toward self-support, though in fairness it ought to be said, that it is still merely a beginning. A weekly collection has also been instituted.

"Fung Chuen is a substation of Do Sing, where we have a chapel and an evangelist has been employed here during the year.

"One service each Sabbath, except the summer months, has been held in the Tak Hing Street Chapel. The audiences have varied from a few, mostly children, to more than a hundred, mostly heathen. Native evangelists have helped with these services."

The statistics show a present membership of thirty-seven in these four districts.

New Congregations.

At Lo Ting, the new station transferred to Synod by the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Commission of Synod organized a congregation, Thursday, October 15, 1914, by the election of six elders and four deacons—men, we are told, of ability, who give promise of being faithful leaders of the people. The present membership of the new organization is ninety-three.

This field was under the supervision of Rev. E. C. Mitchell until the failing health of Mrs. Mitchell made it necessary for them to return to America for special medical treatment and rest. During the time he was here he held six communions; two at Lo Ting, two at Lo King (which is described as a populous district and one presenting great opportunities for Christian work, where the work is under the direction of a native evangelist, Mr. P'aam, who conducts meetings on Sabbath and market days), and two at Ch'e Tsai, where the work was turned over to him at the beginning of the year, and where there is a membership of forty-two.

His story of an arrangement for a street chapel in Lo Ting and of the opening of a boys' school in an old Buddhist Temple, given to him rent free on condition that it would be used for school purposes, will be published in OLIVE TREES with other items which are not embodied in the Report to Synod, but which the Church may like to see.

Thus it appears, on a review of the mission work in South China that there are two regularly organized congregations with a total membership of 376—sixty-eight added during the year, showing,

after deducting twelve deaths and ten defections, a net increase of forty-five.

Object of Missions.

The aim of every department of the Foreign Missions is to win men away from false reliances, and bring them into right relations with the true God. The schools are centers of evangelism. Whatever secular branches may be taught, the prominent feature of instruction is the gospel way of life and salvation.

To illustrate: In an interesting paper, Rev. Julius A. Kempf, who has responsible charge of the boys' school, after noting the attendance at the primary and grammar departments and in the boarding school and the running expenses, indicates in a few sentences the kind of Christian training these pupils are receiving: One hour each day is given to Bible study; all the pupils are required to attend Sabbath and the morning services in the chapel; every Thursday evening they are at the prayer meeting and take part; every morning school is opened with singing a Psalm, reading the scripture and prayer, and every evening the boarding pupils have worship, conducted by the Christian pupils in turn.

Then follow instances of Christian activity, and the writer closes with a suggestive statement of results.

Six boys from 18 to 22 years of age applied for admission to the Theological Training Class. Three were admitted and will begin their studies this week; four other boys made confession of their faith in Christ, and were baptized; and during the year the non-Christian teacher employed in the school sat at the feet of the Great Teacher, and on last Sabbath he sat at His Holy Table, owning Him as his Saviour and Lord.

In an excellent paper from Miss Rose A. Huston are many statements that should encourage the home Church and stimulate to greater liberality in the support of the efforts that are being made to bring the women and girls under Christian influence. She writes: "Of the thirty-four different pupils who have been in school during the year, one-half are Church members, several of them being received this year. Our aim is to make Christians of them in school, and to train them for active service in bringing others to the Saviour, as Bible women, teachers and Christian mothers. Very impressive is the contrast she points out between two young women:

"Au Tak Oi, a poor rheumatic young woman, came from Do Sing, and during the three months she was in school a change was wrought in her disposition that made her people marvel when she went home. Her only reason for the change was "I 'kom sheung ha' (approximately), believe Jesus, and Christians do not scold and lie and steal." She died during the summer, and they told us of how anxious she was that they learn all she could teach them of the Jesus doctrine, and of how at the last she said over and over again, "I am not afraid to die, for I 'kom sheung ha,' believe Jesus." Her name is not written on the Church roll, but I feel that it is written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

"In contrast to this is another former pupil—not blind—very bright and ambitious, and of whom we expected great things. She contracted tuberculosis and died about the time of Tak Oi's death, but her constant cry before she passed away was, 'I do not yet believe

Jesus! I do not yet believe Jesus.' Was this because of some lack in our own lives and work and prayer, and in the prayers of those who are upholding and supporting us in the homeland?"

With not less convincing persuasion does Miss Mary R. Adams urge this same point:

"Some time has also been given to a campaign of visiting in the homes of our district. We have visited twenty homes, always accompanied by one or two Chinese women. Taai Lo and Koon Ying have been your faithful and glad messengers of light on these trips. We always invite them to our homes and some have responded. Such work has enlarged our vision. If the homes are to be illumined, we must go to them with the light, and then they will desire to come and be taught, that they may have more light. As one worker said, 'The very emptiness of the lives of these women is our greatest opportunity.' We ask that you pray for us, that whatever homes we visit the people shall not remember us, but shall think of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Call for Women Evangelists.

At the March meeting of the Board was read an earnest and urgent call from China for two women to do evangelistic work. Referring the matter to Synod, we wish to call the attention of the Church to this opportunity to extend the Lord's work and to the opening which has come in China to reach communities and homes of the people with the message of the gospel.

Along with this strong appeal, read another paragraph from Miss Huston's paper:

"To us, the greatest and most appalling need of all is that of evangelistic work among the women of our district. Dan Crawford quotes an African proverb, 'Come near and I'll hear.' Sometimes in China, as in Africa, the people do not hear because the speaker does not get near enough to touch the heart and life of the hearer. The homes of China must be visited if they are to be won for Christ; they need to be lived in, if the need of the women is to be fully understood and met. 'Manifold transgressions, . . . mighty sins, . . . desperate sorrow'—the words of the prophet, are true in China today, and we must come in contact with them in order to realize their terrible reality.

"So we are hoping and planning to 'come near' to the women in the homes of Tak Hing and surrounding villages. It needs the full time of a worker, but as that is impossible with the present force, Miss Adams and I are hoping to plan our work so that we may each give a day each week, accompanied by Bible women in training, to this very needy field. Our heart's desire and prayer to God is that this people may be saved, and we ask your earnest prayers for us and for them."

Further evidence of the importance of making Christ the central figure, and His gospel the central idea in the Mission schools for girls, is supplied in the report from Lo Ting. Miss Jennie Dean had a vision of the need, and gave herself with unstinted devotion to the work till her energies were exhausted, and she was forced to retire and return to America. When she had gone, Mrs. E. C. Mitchell had a similar vision, and threw herself with similar consecration into the work till failing strength compelled her, too, to retire and return to America for special medical treatment. On her retirement, Oct. 28,

1914, Miss Ella M. Stewart assumed the direction of the school, and has done what she could to carry on the work, as she puts it, "so well begun by Miss Dean and Mrs. Mitchell." We will allow Miss Stewart to tell her own story:

"The question which the Church at home will and should ask is: 'How many of the girls are Christians?' I must reply, none have openly confessed the Master. You ask 'Why?' But if you ask it once a year, I ask it of myself at least twice each day. It is not for lack of Bible teaching, as that has been given every day since the school started. Many of them seem to believe. Practically all of them are from well-to-do but heathen homes. Is the opposition too great? The answer is known only to the One who understands the hearts and lives of men. You must pray with us that these girls may be won for Christ, for without your prayers we can do nothing.

"During the first part of the year they had a very efficient Bible woman. She held meetings for women twice each week and visited in the homes of the Christians. Since practically none of the Chinese women can read, it is very necessary to have some one visit them frequently to help build them up in the faith. The Bible woman did not confine her work to Christian women, but also visited in other homes, where she might have or make an opportunity to talk the gospel. Her work closed in May, when she went to join her Master.

"At present we have an unlearned but very faithful old lady to supply the place until we can procure another trained helper. She sits in the women's side of the Chapel to tell what she knows of the gospel to those who drop in (the doors are never shut during the day). She sells books, goes out and invites women to the women's meetings, which are now addressed by the preacher, and is willing to do anything else in her power to help on the Lord's work. In fact, she is so indispensable that we hope to keep her even after we procure another Bible woman.

"Before Mrs. Mitchell left, we had entertained all the church sisters and had visited some of the pupils. Since Mrs. Dickson and I have been alone, we have taken the school mother and called on the rest of the girls, and also in many other homes, where we had been invited to go and talk the doctrine. Opportunities are constantly open to us, and we have done what we could to meet the need. Since we always invite these women to return our calls, it affords us two opportunities to arouse their interest in the gospel. Paat Mo, the school mother, has been our greatest human help. She cannot read, but she drinks in all she hears in school and chapel, and it is remarkable how splendidly she can tell the gospel story and the fundamentals of the Christian religion. She deserves your admiration and prayers."

Medical Department.

Not less important as an evangelistic agency is the medical department. The hospital at Latakia has been closed for several months, as Dr. Balph, the missionary in charge, was on furlough in this country when war was proclaimed in Europe and the Board advised him not to return to Syria last autumn. However, he has not been idle, having given to the public an admirable history of "Fifty Years of Mission Work in Syria," and having both written and spoken in favor of evangelistic work among the Syrians who have come to our shores. Dr. John Peoples, of Asia Minor, has been busy,

but has not been in a position to send a formal report of the work. On Cyprus, where there have not been the excitement and disturbing influences of war, Dr. Calvin J. McCarroll, of Nicosia, has been able to report good results, and it is worth while to notice that the receipts from patients were large enough to enable him to finance the Mission, when the Imperial Ottoman Bank was refusing to cash drafts on London, and his brother at Larnaca was in need of funds to meet school expenses.

To be exact, he reports 7,316 office treatments, 326 outcalls, 32 trips to villages, 820 miles traveled, and amount collected during the year, £314 15s. 1½d. Clinics have been held twice a week, as formerly, each time being preceded by reading a portion of Scripture and preaching by the evangelist, while the Armenian Bible woman explains the Scriptures to the Turkish women patients. Even more impressively than these statistics does the following incident illustrate the influence in favor of the truth exerted by the Mission in the community where Dr. McCarroll has his home: "At present we have with us a colporteur, a converted Jew from Jerusalem, sent over from Egypt by the B. F. B. S. He has been touring the island, and reports it as the hardest field he has yet seen. He says that the Christian villages are more fanatic than the Mohammedan villages of the Soudan. In one village they refused to sell him food. They ask him why he does not go to Africa to the heathen, and not come to them, the source of light. However, here in Nicosia, accompanied by our evangelist, he has sold Bibles to the Greek Archbishop, the Chief Cadi of the Mohammedan religion; the Catholic Bishop and the Armenian Bishop, which is a satisfactory bit of work, and we trust and pray that God will bless His own word and cause it to produce large results.

When our Sovereign Lord shall have accomplished His purpose in the European war, we look for greater liberty in the ministry of the gospel of the Kingdom, and more rapid accessions to the loyal subjects of the King.

At Tak Hing, China, the Gregg Memorial Hospital maintains its reputation. Speaking of the men's department, Dr. J. M. Wright says: "The work has been in the main as during the previous year. The hospital was not so crowded as last year, but the patients have shown an increased interest in the gospel. Services are held each morning at 8 o'clock, to which all are invited and encouraged to attend. We have a supply of Testaments and Psalm books for these services, and all are encouraged to take part in singing and in the reading of our morning lesson. Patients are encouraged to read in their rooms, and their interest is sought in different ways, many leave with a promise to daily read a chapter and to say the Lord's Prayer. Good promises and good will are common, but we do not so often see real fruit in a gathering into Church membership, but are glad to report one received during the year. Whenever we may find a former patient in our country trip, then the gospel is listened to kindly, which speaks well for the hospital helpers. Our helpers are consecrated Christians, and a spirit of Christian faith and works predominates."

The Doctor reports 150 inpatients, 2,100 dispensary patients, 8,000 treatments, 80 operations, 62 outcalls, 37 trips to Do Sing and 185 patients there, and then adds: "Our work has not been in quality

or quantity what we would wish, but we have enjoyed what was better, His presence and blessing."

Dr. McBurney, speaking of the women's department, reports "475 patients, 304 new patients and 4,598 treatments." These statements are filled with interesting details, which want of space forbids us to transfer to this report, but both papers will be printed in OLIVE TREES, and, as both are written in a popular style and full of instructive incidents, many will read them, and unite in the request with which Dr. McBurney closes her report: "We ask the prayers of God's people that we may have the leading of His Spirit in His work, and that our one aim may be to do His will, and thus show forth his glory to those who are in darkness."

At Lo Ting, Dr. E. J. M. Dickson has evidently found plenty to do and enough success to encourage him. During five and a half months he "treated 524 patients, had 24 outcalls and performed four operations." He tells us that his "first patients began to appear a few hours after his arrival." He will have abounding opportunities for reaching men with the message of spiritual healing and eternal life, and his many friends will not cease to labor fervently with him in prayer.

Financial Statement.

Acting on the instruction of the Board, Treasurer Dr. S. A. S. Methany has prepared a financial statement, printed and presented as a part of its Report, for the information of Synod and the churches under its oversight:

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1915-1916.

Levant.

	Salaries.	Expense.	Rent.	Travel.	Total.
Syria	$ 5,610.00	$ 7,827.00	.....	$ 900.00	$14,337.00
Asia Minor	5,275.00	6,472.00	$1,250.00	950.00	13,947.00
Cyprus	3,715.00	3,482.00	.....	350.00	7,547.00
	$14,600.00	$17,781.00	$1,250.00	$2,200.00	$35,831.00

Estimated Income:

School and Medical Department, Cyprus	$2,432.00	
Dividends on invested funds (estimated)	5,568.00	
Winchester Congregation, salary Rev. Samuel Edgar	1,050.00	
		$ 9,050.00
Amount needed to continue present work		$26,781.00

China.

	Salaries.	Expense.	Travel.	Total.
Tak Hing	$ 8,225.00	$6,475.00	$1,100.00	$15,800.00
Lo Ting	4,345.00	1,195.00	750.00	6,290.00
	$12,570.00	$7,670.00	$1,850.00	$22.090.00

Estimated Income:

Third Philadelphia Congregation—		
Salary, Dr. J. M. Wright	$1,100.00	
Rev. E. C. Mitchell	1,050.00	
Dividends on invested funds	13.00	
		2,163.00
Amount needed to continue present work		$19,927.00

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED.

1915-1916.

Levant	$27,000.00
China	20.000.00

"This statement," the treasurer writes, "is based on our schedule of salaries and children's allowances, and the estimate of local expenses received from the Mission stations. The statement for Latakia is based on last year's estimate, as none has been received from that station. The estimate for travel covers the transportation of missionaries to and from the Mission fields."

With this concise statement in his hand, every member of Synod can readily understand the financial condition of the Foreign Missions and vote intelligently on the appropriations.

General Items.

1. Dr. A. I. Robb and family arrived at Tak Hing from America, Dec. 3, 1914, and he expected to open his Theological Training Class Jan. 11, 1915.

2. The Board records its gratitude to the Redeemer and Head of the Church for preserving the lives of Rev. J. K. Robb and his family, with other passengers on the Minnesota, when that steamship was wrecked, April 13, 1915, on the coast of Japan, and also adores His name for moving in His Sovereign pleasure the Turkish officials to grant Mrs. S. Edgar permission to leave Latakia with her children, that she might join her husband, who had been expelled from Turkey because of his citizenship in the British Empire.

3. Attention is again called to the anomalous position of some not designated as missionaries, yet rendering yeoman service in the foreign fields, the wives and friends of missionaries assisting in the schools for girls and laboring among the native women, often to the breaking point, as in the case of Mrs. Mitchell, without any remuneration but the satisfaction of teaching heathen women and girls the gospel way of life, simply "the luxury of doing good." So the Board has decided hereafter to appoint the wives of missionaries associate missionaries, that they may be entitled to all the privileges of regularly appointed missionaries except that of drawing a salary and that of voting at the business meetings of the Missions.

4. At present there are four of our women missionaries on furlough: Miss Jennie M. Dean, teacher; Mrs. E. C. Mitchell; Miss Annie J. Robinson, trained nurse, and Dr. Ida M. Scott, who will probably return to China in the autumn of this year; also from the Levant, Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Wilson, detained in America owing to the war, and Rev. and Mrs. S. Edgar, after trying circumstances on the field, with

Miss Mearns, who came home with Mrs. Edgar to help in the care of the children.

5. Mr. Charles A. Stewart was recently appointed to Cyprus for two years, to be connected with the American Academy at Larnaca, and in case everything is satisfactory at the close of the first year, the position will probably be made permanent.

6. At the May meeting of the Board, Rev. F. M. Wilson was elected Corresponding Secretary, in place of R. M. Sommerville, resigned, and Mr. J. M. Steele was recommended to Synod for appointment as Treasurer, in place of Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, who has notified the Board of his intention to resign the Treasuryship.

7. The term for which Rev. F. M. Foster, Ph.D., Rev. J. C. McFeeters, D.D., Rev. F. M. Wilson, D.D., Mr. R. J. Bole and Mr. S. R. Boggs were appointed members of the Foreign Board has expired, and their places should be filled.

8. Our Vice-President, Rev. Dr. J. C. McFeeters, was appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, in the name of the Board,

R. M. SOMMERVILLE, Cor. Sec.

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION IN CHINA.

Cheung Chau, Hongkong, Aug. 29, 1914.

The China Commission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met in called session and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The members present were Ministers J. K. Robb, J. A. Kempf, D. R. Taggart and E. C. Mitchell; Elders J. M. Wright and E. J. M. Dickson.

October 15th, 1914, was appointed as the date for an election of officers with view to the organization of a congregation in Lo Ting.

Commission was adjourned with prayer by D. R. Taggart to meet in Lo Ting October 15, 1914.

J. K. ROBB, Moderator.
E. C. MITCHELL, Clerk.

Lo Ting, China, Oct. 15, 1914.

The China Commission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met in Lo Ting according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The members present were Ministers J. K. Robb and E. C. Mitchell; Elders E. J. M. Dickson.

The election of officers with view to the organization of a congregation in Lo Ting was then held which resulted as follows: Deacons, Chan Chau Shan, Lei Hing Ting, Cheung Man Hin and Au Chiu Tong. Elders, Lei Ching Chuen, Cheung Tik Chau, Lo Kwok Hing, Taam Tsz Ting, Lo Kam Poh and E. J. M. Dickson.

The ordination was arranged to be held December 25, 1914, at 12:00 M. J. K. Robb and E. C. Mitchell were appointed to examine the candidates and A. I. Robb to preach the ordination sermon.

The Commission was adjourned with prayer by E. C. Mitchell to meet in Lo Ting December 25, 1914, at 12:00 M.

J. K. ROBB, Moderator.
E. C. MITCHELL, Clerk.

Lo Ting, Dec. 25, 1914, 12:00 Noon.

The China Commission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met pursuant to adjournment, in the Lo Ting Chapel at noon, December 25, 1914, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

In the absence of the regular clerk, A. I. Robb was chosen clerk pro tem.

The following members were present. Ministers J. K. Robb and A. I. Robb. Elder E. J. M. Dickson.

Elder Chung On Tai of the Tak Hing Congregation being present, was invited to sit with the Commission.

The object of the meeting was stated to be the ordination and installation of officers, thus organizing a congregation.

The edict was read.

A. I. Robb preached from 1 Cor. 3:9. "We are workers together with God."

The candidates present, having been privately examined, were then called forward, the queries put and satisfactorily answered.

The moderator then led in the ordination prayer, setting apart Lo Kam Poh and Lei Ching Chuen to the office of elder, and Au Ch'iu T'ong and Cheung Man Hin to the office of deacon, and installing these and Elder E. J. M. Dickson officers in the Lo Ting Congregation.

Elder Chung On Tai then addressed officers and people.

The newly ordained officers then signed the terms of communion.

J. K. Robb was appointed moderator of the Lo Ting session.

The commission was adjourned with prayer by A. I. Robb.

J. K. ROBB, Moderator.
A. I. ROBB, Clerk Pro Tem.

Tak Hing, China, Jan. 11, 1915.

The China Commission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, J. K. Robb.

Ministers present: J. A. Kempf, A. I. Robb, J. K. Robb, D. R. Taggart. Elders: E. J. M. Dickson and J. M. Wright.

A. I. Robb was elected Moderator and D. R. Taggart, clerk.

Committee appointed to arrange for conference of native workers reported conference arranged and programs ready for distribution. Report was accepted. Motion carried that a committee be appointed to arrange similar conference for next year. The Moderator appointed D. R. Taggart, E. J. M. Dickson and J. M. Wright on this committee, they to confer with a committee to be appointed by the Chinese. The committee was instructed to recommend plans for defraying the expense of these conferences.

Motion passed that in view of the fact that Ch'ung On Tai, Ch'ung Ying Tai and Chue Hong Shang have completed their course in our own training school, and Taam Ts'zz T'eng and Lo Kam Poh have been trained in the Alliance Mission, and all given acceptable service for several years, that we arrange for their licensure on Saturday, January 16, 1915. Motion carried that D. R. Taggart and J. A. Kempf be appointed to examine the candidates and A. I. Robb to deliver the charge.

Commission adjourned to meet at Tak Hing Chapel on Saturday, January 16, 1915, at 2 p. m., the Moderator leading in prayer.

A. I. ROBB, Moderator.
D. RAYMOND TAGGART, Clerk.

Tak Hing Chapel, China, Jan. 16, 1915.

The China Commission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, A. I. Robb.

Ministers present: J. A. Kempf, A. I. Robb, J. K. Robb and D. R. Taggart. Elders: E. J. M. Dickson and J. M. Wright.

Minutes concerning the business of the day were read. The following candidates for licensure being present, namely, Ch'ung On Tai, Ch'ung Ying Tai, Chue Hon Shaang and Lo Kam Poh, they were called forward and examined in Systematic Theology, Church History and Personal Piety by J. A. Kempf, D. R. Taggart and J. K. Robb. The examinations were unanimously sustained. They were then licensed with prayer by the Moderator, A. I. Robb. He also delivered the charge to the licentiates.

Taam Tsz Teng not being present, motion was carried that his licensure be arranged for at some future date.

Commission adjourned to meet at Tak Hing, January 12, 1916, at 1:30 p. m. J. A. Kempf led in prayer.

A. I. ROBB, Moderator.
D. RAYMOND TAGGART, Clerk.

Tak Hing, March 6, 1915, 4:30 P. M.

The China Commission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met in pro re nata session and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, A. I. Robb.

Ministers present: J. A. Kempf, A. I. Robb, J. K. Robb, D. R. Taggart. Elders: J. M. Wright.

The call of the pro re nata session was ratified.

On motion D. R. Taggart was appointed Moderator of the Lo Ting session, and A. I. Robb Moderator of the Tak Hing session.

Minutes were read and approved.

Commission adjourned with prayer by J. K. Robb.

(Signed)

A. I. ROBB, Moderator,
D. RAYMOND TAGGART, Clerk.

The committee on Discipline reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted. Item 4 was referred to a special committee of five to be named by the Committee on Nominations to report at the next meeting of Synod. The report was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

Your Committee on Discipline would respectfully report:

The following items have been referred to the committee:

1. The protest, complaint and appeal of Adam Walkinshaw of

the Santa Ana Congregation against the action of the Pacific Coast Presbytery.

2. The request of the Pacific Coast Presbytery for a deliverance of Synod on the question as to whether or not an Ad Interim Commission has, or may have, the power to appoint commissions for special business, the acts and decisions of such special commissions being subject to the revision of the Court either directly or through the Ad Interim Commission.

3. The report of the Pacific Coast Presbytery regarding efforts to settle the Santa Ana cases which have been before previous Synods.

4. The request from Covenanters living in Canada for a deliverance in the matter of voting in municipal elections.

We recommend:

1. Inasmuch as your committee finds that the papers in the case of Adam Walkinshaw against the action of Pacific Coast Presbytery are regular and have been properly transferred by the Pacific Coast Presbytery and are ready for action of the Court, that a commission of five members be appointed to review this case and report to the Synod at this meeting.

2. In the report of the Pacific Coast Presbytery regarding efforts to settle the Santa Ana cases it was noted that S. A. Milligan, who is still under censure, presented a statement of his standing, with charges attached, to the session of the Hebron, Kas., Congregation and was by that session restored to regular standing in the Church and accorded the full privileges of the Church. It was noted further that S. A. Milligan did not change his residence and is still within the bounds of the Santa Ana Congregation.

This action of the Hebron Session is irregular and tends to defeat the end of discipline, and the Kansas Presbytery is directed to make a full investigation of the case.

3. In the matter of the request for a deliverance of Synod as to the power of a commission to appoint a commission for special business, your committee is of the opinion that the powers of a commission are delegated powers and that they cannot be further delegated. A commission has no authority to appoint another commission.

4. In the matter referred to us regarding voting in municipal elections in Canada your committee finds that the conditions are in some respects peculiar.

In Canadian cities every ratepayer or taxpayer is permitted to vote in municipal elections. In some cases it would seem that it is not required that the voter be a British subject or that he subscribe to any civil constitution.

Moral questions such as Sabbath observance are from time to time submitted to the people.

The law of the Church permits Covenanters to vote on moral questions.

Your committee would suggest, however, that, even under such conditions as prevail in Canada, Covenanters be reminded that there is a difference between voting for civil officers and voting on moral questions submitted to the people. A Covenanter cannot consistently

vote for an official who will be required to take an oath which the voter himself could not take, or to subscribe to a constitution that is out of harmony with the law of God.

R. J. G. McKNIGHT, Chairman
GEORGE S. COLEMAN, D. C. MATTHEWS,
W. J. WALLACE. T. H. WILSON,

Rev. E. M. McFadden, pastor of the Seventh United Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg, was introduced and he was extended the courtesies of the floor.

Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Item No. 1 was adopted. Item No. 2 was laid on the table in order to hear President George of the College, and J. A. McAteer. President George addressed the Court.

The hour of adjournment arrived. Robert Clarke, I. A. Blackwood, J. R. Latimer and H. O'Neil were excused from further attendance on Synod.

Synod was adjourned with prayer by W. J. Coleman.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Synod convened at the appointed hour, and being called to order was constituted in prayer by F. M. Wilson. The roll was called, and the following did not respond: Hamilton, Metheny, M. M. Pearce, Sommerville, G. R. Steele, J. Z. Sterrett, Stevenson and O. Wylie.

Devotional exercises were conducted by T. H. Acheson.

Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

A collection was lifted for the benefit of the janitor and the typist, amounting to $24.08.

The report of the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College was taken from the table. Item No. 2 was stricken out.

Items Nos. 3, 4 and 5 were adopted. J. A. McAteer addressed the Court. The report was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND GENEVA COLLEGE.

Your committee would respectfully report there have been referred to us two papers, the report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, and of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

In reviewing the report concerning the work in the seminary we are impressed by the fact of the few candidates for the gospel ministry. Only one entered the seminary last fall, only one graduated last spring, and only four remain in attendance. This is not a sufficient number to fill the ranks of the ministry of the Church. The question referred to the Synod by the board concerning what steps should be taken to secure a larger attendance at the seminary should receive the serious consideration of the Court.

The reports from Geneva College show a gratifying and promising condition in that institution. We believe the plans inaugurated by the Board of Trustees at the beginning of the present administration providing for expansion rather than retrenchment, even in the face of a growing deficit, have been vindicated; and we are confident that the present plan for further expansion which the board has before itself for the next five years is wisely devised, and that its working out will not be difficult if all who are interested in the college unite for its fulfillment.

We recommend:

1. That Synod take some time following the adoption of this report for the consideration of the question referred to it by the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, namely: "What definite, decisive and practical steps can be taken to secure an increased attendance at the seminary."

2. That W. R. Sterrett and Charles McElhinny be elected their own successors on the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary; that J. S. Tibby be elected his own successor on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College; and that J. A. McAteer of the Pittsburg Congregation be elected to serve for the unexpired term of Walter T. Miller, on this board.

3. That J. A. McAteer and President W. H. George be heard representing the Trustees of Geneva College.

M. M. PEARCE, Chairman,

J. D. EDGAR, S. R. DAVIS,
T. C. SPROULL, A. F. REID.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary would respectfully report that the closing exercises of the seminary were held in the Seminary Hall and in the Central Allegheny Church on Tuesday, April 27, 1915. The members of the board were present, with the exception of Rev. R. M. Sommerville, J. D. McAnlis and J. R. Steele.

The professors presented their reports, which were approved, and

have been published. The opening lecture of the seminary year was given by the senior professor, Dr. D. B. Willson, on the evening of September 16, 1914. His subject was "The Sabbath."

The following students were in attendance during the session:

Third Year—Robert S. McElhinney.

Second Year—Richard Cameron Adams, Anthoni Khouri and Jesse Coulter Mitchel.

First Year—D. Bruce Martin.

Oral examinations before the board were conducted by the professors; by Prof. Willson in Church Government; by Prof. Wylie in Church History. The examination papers in the other subjects were submitted to the board.

There were two series of discourses by the students during the year, and each student preached before the board.

The examination papers were approved by the board. The discourses were also criticised, commended and approved.

The students who had completed the second year were certified to their respective Presbyteries for licensure, and R. S. McElhinney was given a diploma.

The students have preached and conducted prayer meetings in the Aged People's Home during the winter. Prayer meetings were also held each Wednesday morning in the Seminary Hall. Regular instruction in elocution by Prof. G. M. Sleeth, and in music by Prof. W. A. Lafferty was provided for the students.

Two students were not absent during the year; one was absent one day; one three days, and one five days.

The attention of Synod is called to the fact that the Library Fund is almost exhausted and a collection should be taken to replenish it so that the library may be stocked with the latest books of value.

The current account is in good condition.

The board notes with regret the scarcity of candidates for the ministry. Only one student entered the seminary last fall. Only one was graduated this spring. Another was compelled by failing eyesight to discontinue his studies. Only four are at present on the roll.

The board, therefore, refers to Synod this question:

"What definite, decisive and practical steps can be taken to increase the attendance at the Seminary?"

The attention of the young men of the Church, and of their parents as well, should be directed to the latter part of the report of Prof. D. B. Willson, in which he pleads for a "revival of learning," such a revival as that which under God had much to do with bringing on the Reformation.

We earnestly urge Synod to give these matters serious and immediate consideration.

The board records with sorrow the death of Walter T. Miller, who was for many years a faithful member. The following Minute was adopted:

Walter T. Miller who, during the past year was called to his reward, was seldom absent from the meetings of the board while

in health. The great concern he had for the preaching of the gospel of the Son of God gave him a deep interest in the work of the seminary, and made his kindly criticisms an inspiration to the students who were preparing for their great life work. His influence will be felt for many years among those who remain to carry on the ministry of the Church, and who have come under his influence and example.

The time for which Charles McElhinney and W. R. Sterrett were chosen members of the Board has expired and their successors should be named.

We request for the seminary an appropriation of $2,000.00.

W. J. COLEMAN, Chairman,
R. J. G. McKNIGHT, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

The board of corporators of Geneva College respectfully reports:

The college year now drawing to a close has been in many ways one of great satisfaction.

1. The improvement on the college building and grounds renders them more attractive, and better suited for educational purposes than ever before. A larger number of students than usual has been in attendance. There has been concord in the faculty and confidence and co-operation between faculty and students. The people of Beaver Valley are taking a deeper interest in the welfare of the institution. There is a more devout spiritual life on the part of the students.

2. The Board of Corporators encourages the Board of Trustees to plan for greater things. A college worthy of the support of the Church should draw a much larger number of students from the sons and daughters of our people. The college should have, and we hope will have, a greater patronage from the immediate neighborhood of the college, and to these ends we approve the plan of securing and retaining the most proficient instructors.

3. The Board of Corporators while asking the Board of Trustees to keep the expenditures of the college within her income, believes that if the college is to meet the demands of our times, she must have a broader financial foundation. The amount of endowment asked by the management is not too large if Geneva is to be a blessing to the world and a credit to the Church.

4. We hope that Synod will name the sum asked by the Board of Trustees as the amount to be raised by collection from the Churches, and we ask that the full amount be contributed, also we seek a full share of funds that Synod may have at her disposal.

5. We refer you to the report of the Board of Trustees for a full account of work accomplished during the year, as well as plans for the future. This report is transmitted by this board.

The Messenger of Death has called from us one of our members. Mr. Walter T. Miller, a man devoted to the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ. A successor should be elected to serve his unexpired term of one year.

The time for which Mr. J. S. Tibby was elected expires at this time. His successor should be elected during this meeting of Synod.

Transferred by order of board.

J. C. McFEETERS, President,
J. R. WYLIE, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College, the Board of Trustees would respectfully report:

The college year to close on June 11th is adjudged by all acquainted with the facts, the best under the present administration. The faculty in its report to the board says: "Everybody agrees that this is the best year that the College has had during the present administration. The spirit of co-operation and mutual understanding was very evident in the faculty, and this spirit rapidly communicated itself to the students."

From President George's report we quote as follows: "The session now closing has been the most successful of the present administration. The enrollment is larger, the spirit has been better and the general results more gratifying than any other year. One cause of our success has been a complete faculty. Such is the ambition of our professors that usually one is away studying, leaving us with a substitute and a weak place in the line. This year all were present and co-operated without the slightest dissension. Prof. Wylie, fresh from his graduate studies at the University of Chicago, has been a tower of strength to us in the classroom, in training debaters and orators, and in his Bible class Sabbath mornings.

"Another cause has been the growing favor in which Geneva is being held in this locality. So long as students do not care whether or not they attend your school you cannot do much with them, but when they like to come and feel that to be sent home would be a deprivation, you have a vantage ground for discipline. We now enjoy that vantage ground. In establishing the college in the good favor of the community, Mr. Clarke has been an invaluable aid.

"A third cause has been the growing conception in the mind of the management of the possibilities of the school. At first our faith was not great. What little faith we have was broken by untoward circumstances. But with the passing of time, faith increased. We now believe it is possible to overcome tradition and student prejudices and get students to work and even to put work above play. Usually you will not accomplish more than you think it possible to accomplish. Our thoughts of what is possible have widened.

"Above all the blessing of God has been upon us, His favor has been shown in the health of students and faculty, in the spirit of earnest consistent work that has prevailed, in the Spirit of good will that has abounded, and in the encouraging record of results."

The attendance for the year is as follows:

College 129, Department of Music 112 (Piano 70, Violin 24, Voice 18), Public Speaking 24, Art 11, Summer School of 1914, 116. Gross total, 392; counted twice, 12; net total, 380.

This is a slight increase over last year, the increase being in the college department and that of public speaking. The graduating

class numbers thirty. Of this number twenty-one will receive the Bachelor of Arts degree, four the Bachelor of Science degree; the remaining five graduate in music.

This has been a notable year for Geneva in contests. Mr. Sloane Martin of the graduating class took first place in the Intercollegiate Oratorical contest, six colleges participating. Geneva participated in two intercollegiate debates, winning from both Westminster College and University of Pittsburg. In athletic contests also the student teams were exceptionally successful, winning in a large majority of the contests.

Prof. Leroy Patton, of the Department of Science, who has filled his position with great acceptance, has been granted a year's leave of absence, to do advanced work looking to a degree. His work has been exceedingly heavy. It has been found necessary to divide it and this coming year we will have a teacher of Chemistry and Geology and an instructor in Biology.

The spiritual welfare of the students has been carefully looked after. The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. of the college have regular meetings on Wednesday evenings and Sabbath evenings. Prof. Wylie conducts a student's Bible class on Sabbath mornings which is well attended. The Student Volunteer Association has increased its membership and is in excellent condition.

In compliance with the suggestions of the Board of Corporators a series of special meetings was held in February for the deepening of the spiritual life of the students. In the missionary conference held at Geneva the year before, Mrs. McClure, a returned missionary from India, now teaching Bible in Westminster College, was the speaker who above all others won the hearts of the students and made a deep impression on their spiritual life. On this account she was secured for these meetings. They were well attended by students and faculty, and made a deep and lasting impression on the life of the college. At the closing service, many students arose to confess remissness, to state their purpose to live better lives, and to testify to the help they had received from the meetings and especially from private conferences with Mrs. McClure. Since these meetings several prayer circles have been formed which meet daily, and the membership of the Student Volunteer Band has been increased by at least three members.

The most notable addition to the material equipment this year is the new College Chapel. What was before a dark, inconvenient and dreary room is now a beautiful auditorium. This improvement which will mean much to the college for all time was made necessary by the damage done by the storm. The cost was something over $6,000, which has been entirely met.

Dr. Johnston reports having secured for the college during the year $2,259.00.

Rev. Robert Clarke reports a total of $11,630.17 raised. This is the best year Mr. Clarke has had since he has been employed by the college.

It should be said that both Dr. Johnston and Mr. Clarke's efforts are not confined to raising funds for the college. Mr. Clarke devotes the summer months largely to securing students. Dr. Johnston not only gives the summer months to this work, but devotes part of his time throughout the year to correspondence and interviews with this same object in view.

The recommendation of Synod last year that a campaign be inaugurated to clear off the debt of the college was duly considered by the Board of Trustees. Had it not been for the war and the financial depression due to it, the board would have undertaken such a campaign, but under the financial conditions the board felt it would not be successful.

As soon as conditions are propitious, whether that be this year or a little later, the board believes this campaign should be undertaken, and with hearty co-operation can be made successful.

The current account debt at the end of the year was $23,606.52. This is $4,140.55 more than last year. This would have been avoided had it not been for the remodeling of the chapel. Mr. Clarke's energies were directed chiefly to raising the funds for this improvement and to paying off the remaining debt on the gymnasium. Consequently he gave no attention to raising money for the current fund.

As over against this increase in debt we note the following items on the credit side: The remaining debt on the gymnasium, $2,484.16, has been cancelled, so that this valuable addition to the college equipment is now entirely paid for; the remodeling of the College Chapel at a cost of $6,000, all of which has been met; the addition of equipment to the scientific laboratories to the amount of $1,000, the increase of the endowment by $3,105.55. No effort was made during the year to decrease the debt resting on the New Science Building. It remains the same as last year save for the increase due to interest on the debt.

When we look back over the work of the past few years and note the progress made along all lines—in the physical equipment of the college, in the broadening of the curriculum, in the higher standard of education and in the growing confidence of those to whom we look for support—we are profoundly grateful to God and to all those who have had a part in this progress. We are convinced that the policy of making Geneva in every respect a first class college, while it has involved us in an increased debt, was the only wise policy to follow and that in the end it will prove itself the best policy from a financial standpoint.

At a recent meeting the board considered at length the future prospects of the college and plans for its growth. The following program embodies the chief things we should set before us as the goal of our efforts for the next five years. Two things were prominently before us in making this program. The great progress being made by other colleges with whom we have to compete and the progress made in the past by our own college. With the united and earnest support of the church and all the friends of Geneva, we believe this goal can be reached.

The program is as follows:

Teachers—Since the strength of a college depends ultimately on its teaching force, it shall be our policy to retain our strongest teachers, and to this end to pay salaries commensurate with the services rendered by each teacher. In the past we have lost teachers who were a tower of strength to the college, through failure to increase their salaries.

Equipment—Proper equipment in buildings and furnishings is second only to teachers as a factor in the success of a college.

We have sufficient buildings to meet our needs for the present

and to allow for growth for many years to come. Our present buildings would accommodate twice as many students except in the one matter of rooming and boarding. All our buildings are in good condition except the ladies' dormitory. This building is badly in need of remodeling and refurnishing. About $4,000 will be required for this.

For scientific equipment for the next five years we should have $5,000. In this same period the number of books in our library should be doubled. To the amount required for equipment should be added $8,000 to cancel the debt resting on the new Science Building.

Endowment—This is the chief source to which a college should look for its financial income. Our endowment is now a little over $200,000. Our aim should be to make it $400,000. This may seem a high mark to some, but when we consider that the colleges which surround us have larger endowments than we have and are doubling them, we are confident that nothing less than this should be our goal. Westminster College recently finished a campaign in which she added $400,000 to her endowment, making it $525,000. Other colleges near us have an endowment much larger than this. The increase in Geneva's endowment in the past leads us to believe that this goal can be reached, if not in five years, in a somewhat longer period.

Students—One of the means of increasing the income of the college and the chief means of increasing its usefulness, is by increasing its student body. Our student body could be doubled without materially increasing our expense. We should have 300 students in the Literary Department of the college in five years. To this end a comprehensive and aggressive campaign should be undertaken to secure this number. The Church now furnishes one-half of our literary students. If each pastor in the Church would send one new student yearly we would be able to go far above this mark in five years.

President George and James A. McAteer have been appointed to represent the college before Synod.

We make the following requests:

1. That the college be granted a liberal share in the funds at the disposal of Synod.

2. That the Synod appropriate $5,000.00 for the college this coming year.

R. C. WYLIE, President,
R. H. MARTIN, Secretary.

The Committee on Traveling Fund reported. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING FUND.

Your committe would report as fellows:

Receipts.

From congregations, quotas in full at 40 cents per member	$3,418.80
From members of Synod—162—$4.30 per capita	696.60
From Synod's treasurer, balance last year	5.52
Total receipts	$4,120.92

Expenses.

Total traveling expenses	$4,119.05
Balance	1.87
Donation	4.50
Total Balance	$ 6.37

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee.

R. C. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

Committee on Nominations made a partial report, which was adopted.

It was resolved that the first fifteen minutes of the afternoon session be devoted to a consideration of ways and means for increasing the number of students in the Theological Seminary.

It was decided to begin the afternoon session at 1:15 o'clock.

James R. McMullen was excused from further attendance.

Synod took recess. Prayer by Thomas Patton.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Synod convened at 1:15, was called to order and R. A. M. Steele offered prayer. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The order of the day was taken up and the time specified was occupied as proposed.

W. W. Carithers offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

1. That a committee be appointed to arrange for a series of meetings to be held the week before Synod in 1916.
2. That the ministers of the Church, so far as possible, hold themselves ready to take appointments from this committee and take part in these meetings.
3. That the subject to be discussed in this series of meetings shall be EDUCATION, in the general meaning of that word, and especially with reference to the present needs in our Church, in the college and Theological Seminary.
4. That so far as possible, there shall be material for study and suggestions for outline of speeches furnished by the committee.

5. That this committee arrange with the Committee on the Order of Business for next Synod, for a conference to be held on this subject during the next meeting of Synod.

Bills for printing and telegraphing as ordered by Synod were presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from Anna R. Mahard, superintendent of the Sabbath School Department of the W. C. T. U., bearing the request that Synod recommend the use of the pledge roll or pledge cards in all our Sabbath Schools on World's Temperance Day, in November, was granted and the means of carrying out this action was referred to the Permanent Committee on Temperance.

The Committee on National Reform reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

Item No. 5 was amended and adopted.

The report of the Covenanter members of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association was re-committed to be reduced to the limit of 1,200 words, and put into the form of a report of last year's work.

The report of the Committee on National Reform was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL REFORM.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

Your committee would respectfully report:

Two papers were placed in our hands.

1. The report of Synod's Financial Agent for the National Reform Association.

It tells the story of the undertaking and achievements of the organization.

Gold has poured into the treasury. But the need of gold, on account of the expansion of the activities of the Association is very great. The management of the Association is worthy of the highest commendation.

2. The report of the Covenanter members of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association. The report discovers the field occupied, defines the working program, describes the working force, mentions the activities of the last year and outlines the plans for the coming year. Of the many live, practical, moral issues in which the Association is interested, it has carried on with great zeal the anti-Mormon crusade, has vigorously prosecuted the issue of

the reading of the Bible in public schools, and has pointed the way for international and world-wide peace. On account of the rapidly growing interest of Christian people in the true theory of civil government, and on account of the way in which God is mightily shaking the nations, the times are filled with untold possibilities for the National Reform Association. Christian people are being awakened as never before, to the fact that the principle on which civil governments are run is policy, and that sacred contracts are to be kept only so long as it serves the material interests of the nations so to do.

There is, however, much encouragement in these words of President Wilson: "America asks nothing for herself except what she has a right to ask for humanity itself." This is probably as high a declaration as ever fell from the lips of an American statesman.

Of the National Reform Association it may be said, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this."

It may indeed be a mighty instrument in the hand of God in advancing the claims of the enthroned Redeemer. We can see the possibility of great achievements in making all its activities center in the Prince of the Kings of the earth and in using as the keynote of its every effort the Christian amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

We would recommend the adoption of the following items:

1. Inasmuch as the reigning Mediator is today engaged in a controversy with the nations, because of their refusal to submit to his authority, Synod deems the present time as most opportune to press home upon our nation the lesson of the hour, the necessity of accepting the sovereignty of her King. In this course the servant would be following the example of his Master and co-operating with Him by laying hold of the opportunities for work presented.

2. Synod expresses its approval of the work of the National Reform Association, and commends it to the hearty co-operation of the entire Church.

3. Synod approves of the re-appointment of James S. Martin, James S. McGaw and J. Renwick Wylie to the positions they now occupy.

4. Synod recommends to the people of the Church co-operation in the distribution of the Christian Statesman and other National Reform literature.

5. Synod names the amount of $8,000 as a guide to our people in making their contributions to this cause.

R. C. REED, Chairman,
R. HARGRAVE, A. KILPATRICK,
J. R. McMULLEN. L. R. DAVIS.

REPORT OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

This report is presented with profound gratitude to the King of Kings for the manifold favors He has shown the cause of National Reform during the past year.

The Field Occupied—The effort has been made to make this

movement national in reality as well as in name, and purpose. By skillful management, unceasing activity and the co-operation of Divine Providence, almost every corner of the land has been reached with the National Reform message.

The Problems Presented—While the Christian amendment is always to be considered as the ultimate goal of our labors God in His providence is ever opening up new ways of presenting the argument by which this governmental reform may be sustained. This is done most effectively by the wise and discriminate use of the numerous moral issues now before the American people for settlement. The discussion of these measures not only enlists attention and interest, but it also gives the opportunity for the presentation of the Christian principles of civil government on which their final settlement must rest and for clinching the argument for embodying these principles in the national constitution so as to give security to all practical reforms.

The European War and National Reform—Of all the measures of practical reform that have claimed our attention none has equaled in value for our purpose the problem of world-wide peace. This problem has been given new interest by the great war now in progress. This association was born amid the throes of our own Civil War, whereby the sins of the nation were forcefully brought to our attention, and by this present war the sins of all the nations of the world are brought to mind as never before. No sooner had this war begun than steps were taken to use it for the purpose of disseminating the principles of national righteousness. At the annual meeting of the association in December, 1914, a definite peace plan was adopted, which has received the approbation of Christian people in a very gratifying measure. It contains the following important item: "A world-wide call for national obedience to Christ, based on His kingship over nations, governments and rulers. Nothing else is so important in a great peace movement as this. The present awful conflict could never have taken place had nations as such and their rulers obeyed the law of Jesus Christ. Assurance of peace cannot be secured on any other basis than that of national allegiance to Him." Our peace program, together with other documents on the same subject, has been widely distributed.

Activities of the Year—From the office in Pittsburg there have been sent 46,123 letters, an average of more than 147 for each working day. More than 3,000,000 pages of literature bearing on all lines of our work have been mailed from the Pittsburg office during this period.

In this connection it should be stated that the anti-Mormon crusade furnished a fine opportunity for the distribution of literature and the holding of public meetings. In connection with this campaign over sixty mass meetings were held in the larger cities of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois and New York. At these meetings resolutions were adopted and sent to the President of the United States, to the President and members of the United States Senate, to the members of the House of Representatives, to the Attorney General and to the Postmaster General. Similar resolutions and explanatory letters were sent to numerous ecclesiastical assemblies throughout the country. Following these mass meetings letters were written to ministers in the cities and towns in the immediate vicinity requesting them to have their congregations adopt resolutions favoring the anti-polygamy amendment to the National

Constitution, and to forward the same, duly signed, to their representatives at Washington. Letters were also sent, together with suitable literature, to the presidents of Ladies' Missionary Societies requesting them to take similar action and to co-operate with the recently organized National Order of Anti-Polygamy Crusaders.

In these mass meetings alone more than 50,000 people were reached by our general superintendent and ex-Senator Frank J. Cannon, who declares that the principles of the National Reform Association furnish the only basis on which the Mormon issue can be settled.

Hundreds of mass meetings have been held by our secretaries in different parts of the country, and tens of thousands of people reached in each case, advantage being taken of the issues of local interest to further the cause of national reformation. For example, in California, a proposition was before the State Legislature to amend the Constitution so as to legalize the reading of the Bible in the public schools. Secretary J. S. McGaw used the opportunity thus afforded for urging both the Bible amendment to the California Constitution and the Christian amendment to the National Constitution.

This association took the lead in an effort to launch a nation-wide campaign in behalf of the Bible in the public schools, and succeeded in securing a conference of official representatives of six national organizations who pledged themselves to support the movement.

The Working Force—The office force consists of from five to seven who are busily engaged throughout the entire year. In the field there are nine secretaries holding meetings and conventions and occupying pulpits in behalf of this cause.

Our Publications—These, in addition to THE CHRISTIAN STATESMAN, include such documents as "Principles of National Religion," "International Peace Plan," "National Christianity in the Public Schools," "Our National Thanksgiving Festival," "The Latest Word on Mormonism," and many others.

All our literature and all our work are designed to present the subject of the moral character and accountability of nations in such a manner as to show the necessity for the Christian amendment.

Plans for the Coming Year—These plans embrace the following specific points:

1. The campaign in behalf of the Bible in the public schools.

2. World-wide peace on the basis of the principles of the Prince of Peace.

3. The crusade against Mormonism because of its commercial and political power, its adherence to the doctrine and practice of polygamy, and its false views of the Kingdom of Christ on earth.

4. The reformation of our marriage and divorce laws.

5. The maintenance of the Sabbath as a divine institution.

6. The advocacy of the Christian amendment in connection with all these practical measures, and as a distinct and necessary reform in itself.

7. The raising of not less than $100,000 for the work of next twelve months.

We venture to make the following suggestions as to Synodical action:

1. Approve the continued appointment of James S. Martin, James S. McGaw and J. Renwick Wylie.

2. Express approval of the work of the association and commend it to the support of the people of the church.

3. Recommend to the people of the Church the raising of not less than $8,000 for the work of the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. WYLIE, Chairman,	R. H. MARTIN,
F. M. WILSON,	R. M. DOWNIE,
T. H. ACHESON,	MRS. H. H. GEORGE
W. A. C. BROWN,	R. M. PEARCE,
JOHN YATES,	E. K. PATTON,
JAMES A. McATEER,	J. S. MARTIN,
J. R. COPELAND,	M. M. PEARCE,
J. R. WYLIE,	J. S. TIBBY.

The time was extended till half past five.

The Committee on Finance reported. The report was laid on the table and made the order of the day immediately after convening in the evening.

W. P. Johnson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS ON POPERY.

This year 1915 marks the five hundredth anniversary of the death at the stake of John Huss.

We are helped by the contemplation of principles that are divine, and by the acts that are heroic, hence it is good to look at this life to find the causes of this death.

If the Emperor and the Pope had kept faith as to the safety of this man to, and at, and from, the Council of Constance, Huss would have been the Luther of the world, and the Reformation would have been a century earlier in time.

We have to deal this hour in this land with the enemy that burned Huss, hence need to put before people's minds the principles that lie at the base of all the civil and religious liberties of our modern life.

Some one has said that it does not matter so much what happens as the spirit with which we face it.

This anniversary will give the opportunity for the reaffirmation of great principles.

An enemy that has lost power in countries ruined by its abominations is endeavoring to regain lost power in the civil and religious legislation of our country, and it is for us who have inherited this good legacy to say to this foe, "We know you, you can't come here. This land is ours in fee."

Following the example of other Church Courts we suggest:

1. That new interest be taken in this important subject, that Church papers give space to speak of the encroachments of the Church of Rome, that from time to time, it shall be the theme in

young people's societies, and that pastors preach on the subject as occasions arise.

2. That our people in their own neighborhoods take interest in the circulation of patriotic papers, that biographies and histories of the Reformation have large place in the literature of the home, and that in these amazing times our people shall be as eager for the honor of their Lord, and the well-being of their country, as they were who fought at Drumclog, or they were, who disowning the King, affixed the famous declaration to the cross at Sanquhar.

PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

The several committees on Presbyterial Records reported. The reports were adopted and the entries of approval, with exceptions noted, were made in the respective books of record.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved: That the Synod expresses its heartiest thanks to the pastor and members of the Parnassus Congregation; to Matthew Euwer, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, and to the other residents of the community who so generously opened their homes for the entertainment of the delegates of Synod.

J. Boggs Dodds was excused from further attendance.

Synod took recess till 7 p. m. R. J. Dodds offered prayer.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Synod met at 7 p. m., and being called to order, prayer was offered by S. R. Davis. Roll call was omitted. The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Finance was taken up item by item for adoption.

Items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15 and 16 were adopted.

The ballots required by the adoption of Items Nos. 6 and 10 were cast.

Item No. 8 was amended and adopted. The eleventh item in the report as adopted is a substitute for the one originally offered by the committee. Item No. 13 was laid on the table.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance would respectfully report that, having examined the matters contained in the several papers referred to us, together with a number of verbal references, we offer the following recommendations:

1. That the reports of J. S. Tibby, S. A. S. Metheny and of the Treasurer of the Aged People's Home be published after the usual manner.

2. It is the judgment of your committee that there should be a further condensation of these reports for publication in the minutes and therefore we recommend that hereafter the reports shall indicate certain portions that can be omitted from the minutes although such parts may be read before Synod and also be retained in the copy of the reports that are to be kept on file in the various offices of the Treasurers.

3. That the bill for printing the Order of Business and the Prayer Meeting Topics and also the expense of telegram to President Wilson, in all $5.40, be paid out of the Literary Fund.

4. That the customary contribution of $40.00 be paid out of the Literary Fund to the Treasurer of the Western Section of the Presbyterian Alliance.

5. That the Clerk of Synod publish 1,500 copies of the Minutes of 1915, and that they be placed in the hands of J. S. Tibby for sale at 25 cents each, the deficit, if any, to be paid out of the Literary Fund.

6. That the Clerk of Synod be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for D. C. Martin, George A. McKee and Wm. J. Ward to be their own successors on the Synod's Board of Trustees for a term of three years, ending June 15, 1918.

7. That the following Schedule of Collections be adopted:

Sabbath. Purpose.	Amount.
June 3rd—Literary Fund	$ 2,000.00
July 1st—Aged Ministers ⅜, Widows and Orphans	4,000.00
July 3rd—Aged People's Home	1,500.00
August 1st—Theological Seminary	2,000.00
August 3rd—Jewish Mission	4,000.00
September 1st—Southern Mission	6,500.00
September 3rd—Indian Mission	6,500.00
October 1st—Domestic Missions	12,000.00
November 3rd—Temperance	2,000.00
December 1st—Syrian Mission	27,000.00
January 1st—China Mission	20,000.00
February 1st—Witness Bearing	6,000.00
March 1st—Geneva College	5,000.00
April 1st—Church Erection	4,000.00

8. That Synod urge congregations to abandon the stated-day collection system and adopt the system of weekly offerings by the envelope and the Single Fund System for the public schemes of the Church, maintaining this by the Every-Member-Canvass plan.

Synod names the sum of $8,000.00 for the National Reform Work, to be received November 1st Sabbath.

9. That the Synod accepts with regret, the resignation of Dr. S. A. S. Metheny as Treasurer of the Boards of Foreign Missions, Jewish Mission, and Church Erection; that in accepting this resignation Synod wishes to express its high appreciation of his faithful, efficient and self-sacrificing labors as Treasurer for the past six years; and that during the period of his service, the funds of these Church Schemes have very largely increased, much of which is due to Dr. Metheny's painstaking efforts.

10. That the Clerk of Synod cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for Mr. Joseph M. Steele as the Treasurer of the Boards of Foreign Missions, Jewish Mission, and Church Erection.

11. That the proceeds of the sale of the Sterling, N. Y., Mission Building, $1,007.00, and the proceeds of the sale of the Wahoo, Neb., Church Building, $400.00, be turned into the Church Erection Fund.

12. That in answer to a request from the New York Presbytery, we suggest that all persons in any given family who contribute to the family support, be counted as contributors to the support of the Church; and that husband and wife be counted as two contributors.

13. That the Moderator and Clerk of Synod send to Joseph M. Steele three certificates of his election as Treasurer as per Recommendation 11, one addressed to Messrs. Brown Brothers & Co., Philadelphia, another to the Central National Bank, Philadelphia, one to Bank of North America, Philadelphia.

14. We recommend the appropriations made by the Mission Conference. But in this connection we would venture the opinion that the claims of the congregations and mission stations that come before the Mission Conference having passed the judgment of the various Presbyteries endorsing them and of the Conference who again endorse them it is unnecessary to have the findings of the Mission Conference reviewed by the Committee on Finance.

15. That Synod's Treasurer be instructed to issue an edition of 5,000 of the small psalm books of the 1911 version.

J. BOGGS DODDS, Chairman.

R. H. MARTIN, A. A. WYLIE,
D. S. ANDERSON, J. W. M. HART.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Moderator and Members Reformed Presbyterian Synod.
Dear Brethren:

With profound gratitude to the Lord for His continued mercies to us, we submit our annual Report, together with that of your Treasurer, for the year ending April 30th, 1915.

First. Messrs. John M. Allen, William Blair and Oliver Wylie, elected to serve on the Board for three years to June 15th, 1917, accepted their appointment.

Second. The following bequests were received: Hugh Robinson, Newburgh, N. Y., $3,050.23 for Home and Foreign Mission Endowment. J. R. Johnston, New Alexandria, Pa., $500.00 for Selma College. Elizabeth J. McKinney, Beaver Falls, Pa., $50.00 each for Domestic, Southern Missions, Theological Seminary, Students' Aid, Sustentation Funds. Mrs. E. J. Fisher, Washington, Iowa, $100.00 for National Reform. W. S. McCready, Portland, Oregon, $485.00 for Domestic

Mission. J. N. McKelvey, Washington, Iowa, $100.00 each for Foreign and Southern Missions. A. R. and Eliz. Johnson, Hopkinton, Iowa, $200.00 for Syrian, $40.00 each for Southern and Indian Missions. Isabella Adams, New York City, $176.00 each for Theological Seminary, Jewish, Southern, Indian Missions. Dr. H. H. George, Beaver Falls, Pa., $190.00 each for Southern and Indian Missions, $237.50 each for China and Syrian Missions, $475.00 for Cyprus Mission. Forty shares of Keystone Driller Co.'s stock Beaver Falls, Pa., the dividend to be applied annually to support a boy in the A. I. Robb and Walter McCarroll Schools, preparing for Mission work. One hundred shares of Keystone Driller Co.'s stock, 2,000 shares Wellington Mines Co., three shares Standard Turpentine and Wood Pulp Co. for National Reform. One hundred shares Keystone Driller Co., eighty-four shares Sussex Calcite Co., one bond New Jersey Mineral Co. for $100.00 and the residue of the estate for Geneva College. Through Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, Treasurer, the following bequests were received: Eliz. J. McKinney to Syrian Mission, $100.00. Mrs. C. D. Trumbull, $25.00 to Syrian Mission. Miss Mildred A. Faris, $5.66 for China Mission. Mrs. Eliza C. Nelson, $500.00 each for Syrian and China Missions. Jas. Carlisle, $48.98 for Jewish Mission.

Third. After considerable trouble, the Sterling, N. Y., Mission property was sold by Elder Hugh Dugan of Syracuse, N. Y., congregation for $1,007.35. The Wahoo, Neb., Church building was disposed of for $400.00 by Elder S. H. Carlisle. The lots of the latter property remain unsold.

Fourth. The aggregate amount of bonds, mortgages, notes and real estate held by your Board is $654,458.07. Out of the earnings for the year closed, the Board declared a dividend of 5½% on Endowments of $444,711.01.

Fifth. The profits from the David Gregg funds amounted to $9,536.95.

Sixth. The books and accounts of your Board were audited by H. A. Stout, Public Auditor, and found correct as per Certificate attached to the Report of the Treasurer.

Seventh. The term for which Messrs. D. C. Martin, G. A. McKee and W. J. Ward were made members of the Board expires June 15th, 1915. We ask that their successors be chosen by ballot as required by law.

Eighth. James S. Tibby with James H. McBurney as alternate was appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board.

JAMES S. TIBBY, Scretary.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 28th, 1915.

GENEVA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

May 1, 1914, Balance		$203,395.00
Receipts.		
Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Patterson	$1,000 00	
Mr. and Mrs. John Reid	1,000.00	
Miss M. Rebecca Euwer	1,006.55	
James S. Tibby	100.00	3,106.55
May 1, 1915, Balance		$206,501.55

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ENDOWMENT FUND.

May 1, 1914, Balance		$ 69,638.75
Receipts.		
Rev. S. Dell Johnston, account note		100.00
May 1, 1915, Balance		$ 69,738.75

MISSION IN CHINA ENDOWMENT FUND.

May 1, 1914, Balance		$ 237.50
Receipts.		
Home Mission Chinese Fund Transferred		400.00
May 1, 1915, Balance		$ 637.50

MISS JOANNA R. SPEER FUND.

May 1, 1914, Balance		$ 235.28
Receipts.		
Dr. H. Lorimer, note in full		196.60
May 1, 1915, Balance		$ 431.88

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST MORTGAGE FUND.

May 1, 1914, Balance		$157,532.32
Invested during the year		16,200.00
		173,732.32
Mortgages paid		19,606.44
May 1, 1915, Balance		$154,125.88

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST INTEREST FUND.

Interest received during the year		$ 9,536.95
Charged Account 5% for services	$ 476.85	
Foreign Missions received	3,322.03	
Domestic Missions received	2,114.01	
Sustentation	604.01	
Church Erection	604.01	
Theological Seminary	604.01	
Southern Mission	604.01	
Widows and Children	604.01	
Central Allegheny Congregation	604.01	$ 9,536.95

REGULAR MORTGAGE FUND.

May 1, 1914, Balance	$372,892.43
Invested during the year	30,500.00
	403,392.43
Mortgages paid	26,348.30
May 1, 1915, Balance	$377,044.13

INTEREST FUND.

Receipts from Mortgages, Notes, Real Estate			$ 27,336.73
Expenditures.			
Dividends on sundry items		1,573.93	
Share of office expenses		1,268.17	
1915 Dividend on $444,711.01 at 5½%:			
Geneva College	$203,395.00	$11,186.73	
Mrs. S. J. Steele	1,000.00	55.00	
Theological Seminary	69,638.75	3,830.13	
Students Aid	16,711.88	919 15	
Foreign Missions	49,633.43	2,729.84	
Domestic Missions	32,111.30	1,766.12	
Sustentation	100.00	5.50	
Southern Mission	5,481.28	301.47	
China Mission	637.50	35.06	
Indian Mission	2,000.00	110.00	
Aged Ministers	13,878.52	763.32	
Jas. and Mary J. Carlisle	500.00	27 50	
Widows and Children	6,770.02	372.35	
Church Erection	3,400.00	187.00	
D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee	20,000.00	1,100.00	
D. G. McKee	1,000 00	55.00	
John A. McKee	1,000.00	55.00	
Jas. R. McKee	3,000.00	165.00	
Mrs. E. S. E. McKee	3,000.00	165.00	
Ryegate and Barnet Congregation	850.00	46.75	
Brooklyn, N. Y., Congregation	4,867.80	267.73	
Iowa Presbytery	700.00	38.50	
Wilkinsburg, Pa. Congregation	500.00	27.50	
American Bible Society	50.00	2.75	
Miss M. R. Euwer Note	954.08	52.47	
Pittsburgh Presbytery Educational	1,181.45	64 98	
Pittsburgh Presbytery Investment	2,350.00	129.25	
		27,301.20	
Balance of Profits to Contingent Fund		35.53	$ 27,336.73

Expense Account.

Supplies and expenses	$ 73.33	
Rent	300.00	
Phone	57.47	
Auditor	49.31	
Car Fare	6.23	
Bond of Treasurer	25.00	
Services Assistant	25.00	
Salary	2,000.00	$ 2,536.34

Above expenses distributed as follows:

Theological Seminary	$ 202 91
Indian Mission	177.54

Southern Mission	202 91	
Domestic Mission	329.72	
Geneva College	355.09	
Interest Account	1,268.17	$ 2,536.34

Cash Account.

May 1, 1914, Balance	$ 16,005.03
Receipts.	132,358.64
	148,363.67
Expenditures.	144,822.61
May 1, 1915, Balance	$ 3,541.06

Office Furniture Account.

May 1, 1914, Balance	$ 210.00
Supplies.	66.75
May 1, 1915, Balance	$ 276.75

Contingent Account.

May 1, 1914, Balance	$ 3,270.93
Balance of year's profits	35.53
May 1, 1915, Balance	$ 3,306.46

HUGH ROBINSON ESTATE.

Home and Foreign Mission Endowment Funds	$ 3,050.23

KORTRIGHT, N. Y., CONGREGATIONAL PARSONAGE FUND.

For Church Erection as per 1914 Synod	$325.67	
Domestic Mission	325.68	
Geneva College	325.68	
		$ 977.03

ANDREW ALEXANDER BEQUEST.

Tenth and last payment	$ 6,000.00

Expenditures.

Sustentation Fund	$2,000.00	
Foreign Mission	2,500.00	
Southern Mission	1,000.00	
Indian Mission	500.00	$ 6,000.00

J. R. JOHNSTON BEQUEST.

Selma College	$ 500.00
James S. Tibby, Treasurer	500.00

ELIZABETH J. McKINNEY BEQUEST.

For Domestic Missions	$50.00
Students Aid	50.00
Southern Mission	50.00

Sustentation	50.00	
Theological Seminary	50.00	$ 250.00
James S. Tibby, Treasurer		$ 250.00

MRS. E. J. FISHER BEQUEST.

National Reform		$ 100.00
James S. Tibby Treasurer		$ 100.00

DR. H. H. GEORGE BEQUEST.

Southern Mission	$190.00	
Indian Mission	190.00	
China Mission	237.00	
Syrian Mission	237.00	
Cypress Mission	475.00	$ 1,330.00
S. A. S. Metheny and James S. Tibby, Treasurers		$ 1,330.00

STERLING, N. Y., MISSION.

Sold to Vern E. Boulier, net proceeds ..... $ 1,007.33
Distribution by 1915 Synod.

WAHOO, NEB., CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Sold to Presbyterian Congregation ..... $ 400.00
Distribution by 1915 Synod.

WILLIAM S. McCREADY ESTATE.

Domestic Mission		$ 485.00
James S. Tibby, Treasurer		485.00

J. N. McKELVEY ESTATE.

Foreign Missions	$100.00	
Southern Mission	100.00	$ 200.00

A. R. AND ELIZABETH JOHNSON ESTATE.

Syrian Mission	$200.00	
Southern Mission	40.00	
Indian Mission	40.00	$ 280.00
S. A. Metheny and James S. Tibby, Treasurer		$ 280.00

ISABELLA ADAMS ESTATE.

Theological Seminary	$176.00	
Jewish Mission	176.00	
Southern Mission	176.00	
Indian Mission	176.00	$ 704.00
S. A. S. Metheny and James S. Tibby, Treasurer		$ 704.00

BEQUESTS RECEIVED PER S. A. S. METHENY.

Eliz. J. McKinney, Syrian Mission	$100.00
Mrs. C. D. Trumbull, Syrian Mission	25.00

Mildred A. Faris, China Mission	5.66	
Mrs. Eliza C. Nelson, China Mission	500.00	
Mrs. Eliza C. Nelson, Syrian Mission	500.00	
John Carlisle, Jewish Mission	48.98	$ 1,179.64
Returned to S. A. S. Metheny, Treasurer		$ 1,179.64

CHAS. CLYDE HOME FUND.

May 1, 1914, Balance	$ 974 16
Interest to May 1st, 1915	35.57
	$ 1,009.73

Expenditures.

1914 taxes and remittances	85.76
May 1, 1915, Balance	$ 923.97

GENEVA COLLEGE CURRENT FUND.

May 1, 1914, Balance Overdrawn	$ 19,606.52

Receipts.

Congregations, Individuals and Societies	$ 4,021.99	
Rev. Robert Clarke	3,004 57	
Dr. W. P. Johnson	384.00	
Interest on Notes	117.00	
Interest on Bonds	56.00	
Tuition	7,546.57	
Dormitory Room Rent	831 25	
Prize Fund	90.00	
Dividend on Endowments	11,241 73	
Portion Kortright, N. Y., Parsonage Fund	325.68	
Miscellaneous	417.50	$ 28,036.29
		$ 8,429 77

GENEVA COLLEGE CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Expenditures.

Salaries	$17,486.68
Expenses Rev. Robert Clarke	393.44
Music Department	47 55
Athletic Department	259 04
Glee Club	50.00
Prizes	60.00
Printing, Postage, Office Expenses	526 29
Supplies	3,386 98
Repairs	1,716 59
Improvements	5,242 38
Interest on Notes	608.60
Interest on Overdrafts	1,526.57
Expenses Handling Funds	355.09
Library Expenses	215.45

Incidental Fees, Damage Fees Returned	245.08	
Labor	57.10	$ 32,176.84
May 1, 1915, Balance Overdrawn		$ 23,747 07

GENEVA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT NOTE FUND.

May 1, 1914, Balance	$ 10,208.43

Receipts.

Paid on Account, Notes	$ 48.30
May 1, 1915, Balance	10,160.13

GENEVA COLLEGE NOTE INTEREST.

Amount received and credited to Current Account	$ 117.00

GENEVA COLLEGE LIBRARY FUND.

Expenditures.

Magazines	$ 55.45	
Books	160.00	$ 215.45
Account transferred to Current Account		$ 215.45

GENEVA COLLEGE GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1914, Balance Overdrawn	$ 2,284.16

Receipts.

Collections by Rev. Robert Clarke	$ 2,284.16

GENEVA COLLEGE SCIENCE HALL BUILDING FUND.

May 1, 1914, Balance Overdrawn	$ 7,609.83

Receipts.

Collections	10.00
	$ 7,599.83

Expenditures.

Interest on Overdraft	455 99
May 1, 1915, Balance Overdrawn	$ 8,055.82

GENEVA COLLEGE SCIENCE HALL EQUIPMENT.

May 1, 1914. Balance overdrawn	$ 733 50

Receipts.

Collections per Rev. Robert Clarke	902.74
	$ 169.24

Expenditures.

Apparatus	678.97	
Interest on overdraft	24 09	703.06
May 1, 1915. Balance overdrawn		$ 533.82

TEMPERANCE ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1914. Balance		$ 736.54
Receipts.		
Collections		797.89
		$ 1,534.43
Expenditures.		
Postage, Expressage, Printing	689.92	
Stickers	104.26	
Salary	100.00	894.18
May 1, 1915. Balance		$ 640.25

SUSTENTATION FUND.

May 1, 1914. Balance		$ 583.92
Receipts.		
Eliz. J. McKinney Bequest	50.00	
Andrew Alexander Bequest	1,998.50	
David Gregg, 1915 Dividend	604.01	
1915 Dividend on Regular Endowment	5.50	2,658.01
		$ 3,241.93
Expenditures.		
Transferred to Domestic Mission Account		2,632 42
May 1, 1915. Balance		609.51

DOMESTIC MISSION.

May 1, 1914, Balance Overdrawn		$ 233.55
Receipts.		
Eliz. J. McKinney Bequest	100.00	
Andrew Alexander Bequest	1,998.50	
Chinese Home Mission Account	424.68	
Kortright, N. Y., Parsonage Account	325.68	
Sustentation Fund	583.92	
William S. McCready Bequest	485.00	
David Gregg, 1915 Dividend	2,114.01	
1915 Dividend on Endowment	1,766.12	
1915 Dividend, D. and Mrs. M. McKee	137.50	
1915 Dividend, David G. McKee	27.50	
1915 Dividend, John A. McKee	27.50	
Congregations, Individuals and Societies	5,489.83	13,480.24
		$ 13,246.69
Expenditures.		
Colorado Presbytery	$ 274.98	
Illinois Presbytery	1,090.23	
Kansas Presbytery	1,141.19	
N. B. & N. S. Presbytery	573.26	
New York Presbytery	1,137.23	

Ohio Presbytery	871.13	
Pacific Coast Presbytery	3,195.13	
Pittsburg Presbytery	1,912.64	
Rochester Presbytery	274.98	
Advertisement Belfast Witness	4.48	
Interest on Overdraft	47.93	
Services in handling funds	329.72	
Expenses Evangelistic Committee	40.00	
Printing	6.50	
J. S. Thompson, Home Mission Secretary	71.40	
Miscellaneous	15.15	10,985.95
May 1, 1915, Balance		$ 2,260.74

INDIAN MISSION.

May 1, 1914, Balance		$ 1,666.17

Receipts.

W. P. M. S. Pittsburg Presbytery	$1,000 00	
Congregations, Individuals and Societies	3,219.89	
Tenth Payment, Andrew Alexander Bequest	500.00	
Dr. H. H. George Bequest	190.00	
Receipts per W. W. Carithers to 4/17/15	1,887.90	
A. R. and Eliz. Johnson Bequest	40.00	
Isabella Adams Bequest	176.00	
1915 Dividend 5½% $2,000.00	110.00	7,123.79
		$ 8,789.96

Expenditures.

Local expenses per W. W. Carithers	$3,709.33	
Traveling Expenses of Workers	132.39	
Salaries	3,948.60	
Expenses in handling funds	177.54	
Miscellaneous	5.00	7,972 86
May 1, 1915, Balance		$ 817.10

SOUTHERN MISSION.

May 1, 1914, Balance		$ 2,413.13

Receipts.

Congregations, Individuals and Societies	$3,386.52	
Andrew Alexander, Bequest in Full	1,000.00	
Dr. H. H. George, Bequest in Full	190 00	
Eliz. J. McKinney, Bequest in Full	50.00	
J. R. Johnston, Bequest in Full	500.00	
J. M. McKelvey, Bequest in Full	100 00	
A. R. and E. Johnson, Bequest in Full	40.00	
Isabella Adams, Bequest in full	176.00	
Local receipts per W. J. Sanderson	5,428.81	
David Gregg 1915 Dividend	604.01	
1915 Dividend 5½% on $5,481.28	301.47	11,776.81
		$ 14,189.94

Expenditures.

Traveling Expenses of Workers	$ 218.98	
Local expenses per W. J. Sanderson	4,806.13	
Chapel Addition	682.09	
Salaries	6,549.00	
Expenses in handling funds	202.91	12,459 11
May 1, 1915, Balance		$ 1,730.83

GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL HOME ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1914, Balance	$ 371.16
May 1, 1915, Balance	371.16

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, CHINESE MISSION.

May 1, 1914, Balance	$ 849.35

Expenditures.

Foreign Missions Order 1914 Synod	$ 424.67	
Domestic Missions Order 1914 Synod	424.68	$ 849.35

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CURRENT.

May 1, 1914, Balance	$ 4,789.74

Receipts.

Congregations, Individuals and Societies	$1,228.86	
Eliz. J. McKinney Bequest	50.00	
Isabella Adams Bequest	176.00	
David Gregg 1915 Dividend	604.01	
1915 Dividend 5½% on $69,638.75	3,830.13	
1915 Dividend Ryegate & Barnet, Vt. Congregation	17.88	5,906.88
		$ 10,696.62

Expenditures.

Traveling expenses of Board	$ 51.38	
Expense handling funds	202.91	
Salary Dr. D. B. Willson	2,000.00	
Salary R. C. Wylie	2,000 00	
Salary Prof. G. M. Sleeth	500.00	
Salary W. A. Lafferty	69.00	
Dr. R. C. Wylie, order 1914 Synod	1,000.00	5,823.29
May 1, 1915, Balance		$ 4,873.33

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY.

May 1, 1914, Balance	$ 304.54

Expenditures.

Books rebound	$ 20.95	
Books bought	45.13	
Magazines	14.50	80 58
May 1, 1915, Balance		$ 223.96

MEMORIAL BUILDING RENT ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Linoleum sold	$ 8.00	
Park Institute rent	800.00	
Park Institute third fire escape, on account	141.50	
Park Institute water rent	42.60	$ 992.10

Expenditures.

Supplies	$ 12.93	
Natural Gas	37.00	
Repairs	67.05	
1914 County Taxes	36.24	
1915 City Taxes	319.04	
Insurance	12.27	
Third fire escape	283.00	
Water meter	44.91	
Hot water boiler	51.40	$ 863.84
May 1, 1915, Balance		$ 128.26

STUDENTS' AID FUND.

May 1, 1914, Balance		$ 2,139.12

Receipts.

Congregations, Individuals and Societies	$ 683.35	
Eliz. J. McKinney Bequest	50.00	
Rev. Hugh McCaroll, note on account	75.00	
1915 Dividend 5½% on $16,711.88	919.15	1,727.50
		$ 3,866.62

Expenditures.

Jesse C. Mitchell	$ 350.00	
R. S. McElhinney	250.00	
R. C. Adams	240.00	
S. E. Greer, Secretary, postage on account	.40	840.40
May 1, 1915, Balance		$ 3,026.22

AGED MINISTERS' FUND.

May 1, 1914, Balance		$ 1,307.43

Receipts.

Congregations, Individuals and Societies	$ 569.50	
1915 Dividend 5½% on $13,878.52	763.32	
1915 Dividend D. and M. E. McKee	137.50	
1915 Dividend Jas. and Mary J. Carlisle	27.50	
1915 Dividend Mrs. E. S. McKee	27.50	1,525.32
		$ 2,832.75

Expenditures.

Rev. R. A. Boyd	$ 85.00	
I. A. Blackwood	425.00	

D. H. Coulter	170.00	
J. C. K. Faris	125.00	
T. A. McElwain	105.00	
P. P. Boyd	340.00	
J. M. Armour	340.00	
T. J. Allen	100.00	
G. A. Edgar, printing	5.80	
S. E. Greer, postage on account	.39	1,696.19
May 1, 1915, Balance		$ 1,136.56

WIDOWS AND CHILDREN DECEASED MINISTERS.

May 1, 1914, Balance		$ 1,709.10
Receipts.		
Congregations, Individuals and Societies	$ 929.55	
David Gregg 1915 Dividend	604.01	
1915 Dividend 5½% on $6,770.02	372.35	
1915 Dividend D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee	137.50	
1915 Dividend J. R. McKee	110.00	
1915 Dividend Mrs. E. S. E. McKee	27.50	2,180.91
		$ 3,890.01
Expenditures.		
Miss Juliet McDonald	$ 100.00	
Miss Juliet H. Cannon	150.00	
Miss Martha Cannon	175.00	
Miss Anna B. George	150.00	
Mrs. Agnes C. Wilson	200.00	
Mrs. Sarah I. Clyde	200.00	
Mrs. Nancy Reid	200.00	
Mrs. D. S. Faris	300.00	
Mrs. Ellen S. Taylor	30.00	
Mrs. Minnie Meyer	500.00	
Rev. S. E. Greer, postage on account	.39	2,005.39
May 1, 1915, Balance		$ 1,884.62

WITNESS BEARING FUND.

May 1, 1914, Balance		$ 869.70
Receipts.		
Congregations, Individuals and Societies		2,167.11
		$ 3,036.81
Expenditures.		
Printing	$ 919.00	
Envelopes, postage, supplies	935.34	
Typewriter	57.00	
Stenographer	227.50	
Salary of lecturers	280.00	$ 2,418.84
May 1, 1915, Balance		$ 617.97

Balance Sheet.

Liabilities.

St. John N. B. Congregation	$ 2,700.00
Contingent	3,306.46
Temperance	640.25
Domestic	2,260.74
Indian	817.10
Theological Seminary Current Account	4,873.33
Theological Seminary Library Account	223.96
Students Aid	3,026.22
Memorial Building	128.26
Aged Ministers	1,136.56
Widows and Children	1,884.62
Girl's Industrial Home	371.16
Southern Mission	1,730.83
Witness Bearing	617.97
John Gibson Estate	200.00
Adamsville, Pa., Congregation	336.18
Margaret Buchanan	204.59
Sterling, N. Y., Mission Account	1,007.33
Pittsburgh Syrian Mission Account	.60
Rev. Chas. Clyde Dec. Home Fund	923.97
South Carolina Cemetery Lot Fund	.25
W. P. M. S. Pittsburgh Presbytery	200.00
Pittsburgh Presbytery Current Fund	208.83
Pittsburgh Presbytery Education Fund	1,243.18
Pittsburgh Presbytery Investment Fund	2,350.00
Pittsburgh Presbytery S. S. Fund	12.95
Sustentation	609.51
Wahoo, Neb., Church Building	400.00
Sundries	14.35
Total amount of Endowment Funds	623,028.87
	$654,458.07

Assets.

David Gregg Mortgage Account	$154,125.88
Regular Mortgage Account	377,044.13
Real Estate	85,364.94
Office Furniture	276.75
Cash	3,541.06
Geneva College Current Account	23,747.07
Geneva College Science Hall Building	8,055 82
Geneva College Science Hall Equipment	533.82
Accrued Interest	748.52
Accrued Rents	285.00
Sundries	735.08
	$654,458.07

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

I, the undersigned, appointed by the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America to audit the Accounts of James S. Tibby, Treasurer, would respectfully report that I have

examined the accounts, cash in banks and find same correct as per report to the 1915 Synod.

H. A. STROUD, Auditor.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May, 1915.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LITERARY FUND.

May 1, 1914, to May 1, 1915.

May 1, 1914, Balance		$ 772.56
Receipts.		
1912 Psalters, leather	$ 25.50	
1912 Psalters, cloth	289.60	
1912 Psalters, without music	68.60	
Double cut leaf Psalter	106.27	
Reformed Presbyterian Testimonies	46.80	
Reformed Presbyterian Disciplines	4.00	
Reformed Presbyterian Catechisms	5.40	
Reformed Presbyterian Manuals	6.40	
Elliott's Hand Book	29.30	
Traveling Fund	10.71	
1914 Minutes of Synod	181.94	
1913 Bible Readings	.60	
1914 Bible Readings	39.42	
Blank certificate	.25	$ 814.79
		$ 1,587.35
Expenditures.		
Printing 1914 Synod's Order of Business	$ 8.50	
Traveling Fund	11.61	
Cut of Moderator	3.50	
Appropriation blanks, printed	12.00	
1914 Minutes of Synod, printed	405.00	
Double cut leaf Psalter, printed	690.00	
Every Member Canvass booklet, printed	45.00	
Daily Bible Readings, 2,500 printed	29.50	
Congregational Statistical Blanks, printed	6.75	
Christian Nation, advertisement	6.00	
Olive Trees, advertisement	6.00	
Services Stenographer 1914 Minutes	25.00	
Envelopes	1.35	
Wrapping Paper	16.23	
Appropriation Alliance Reformed Churches	40.00	
T. H. Acheson, Expenses Temperance Fed	14.00	
Additional Trunk for storage of Papers	4.50	
Storage on Trunks	7.50	
Postage on Every Member Canvass Booklets	15.60	
Plates for 1915 Psalm Selections on account	173.83	
Postage and Expressage	153.09	$ 1,674.96
May 1, 1915, Balance Overdrawn		$ 87.61

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

We have compared the above report with the Treasurer's Books which we have audited and found correct.

JOHN W. ALLEN,
WILLIAM J. WARD,
Committee.

The first edition of the 1912 small Psalm Book is sold. We await instructions to print a second edition of 5,000 copies, which will cost about $1,000.00. We call your attention to the overdraft, with the information that the 1915 Psalm Selections will cost about $550.00.

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL AGENT OF NATIONAL REFORM.

May 1, 1914, to May 1, 1915.

May 1, 1914, Balance on hand.....			$ 271.45
Receipts.			
Sale of Literature.....	66.81		
Christian Statesman.....	1,273.65	1,340.46	
General Contributions.....	5,265.99		
Field Secretaries.....	3,790.47	9,056.46	
Bible in the Public Schools.....	3,250.00		
International Lecture Bureau.....	1,272.00	4,522.00	
Money Secured on Collateral.....	3,000.00		
Anti-Mormon Crusade.....	14,588.64		
Women's Auxiliary Organization..	1,739.93	19,328.57	34,247.49
			$ 34,518.94
Expenditures.			
Christian Statesman .....$	2,367.69		
Printing and Sundries.....	659.95	$ 3,027.64	
Postage, Supplies, Sundries.....	693.69		
Office Salaries and Rent.....	935.00	1,628.69	
Field Secretaries, Salaries.....	2,913.32		
Field Secretaries, Expenses.....	803.57	3,716.89	
Bible in the Public Schools—			
Field Secretaries, Salaries....	2,433.34		
Field Secretaries, Expenses...	821.50	3,254.84	
International Lecture Bureau—			
Speakers, Salaries	635.00		
Speakers, Expenses	313.99	948.99	
General Publicity	805.00		
Third W. C. C. C. Publicity....	1,290.00	2,095.00	
Anti-Mormon Crusade—			
Publicity		3,317.50	
Books and Printing.....	416.84		
Postage, Supplies, Sundries...	1,517.82		
Office Salaries and Rent.....	1,870.50	3,805.16	
Speakers, Salaries.....	11,315.34		
Speakers, Expenses.....	1,213.17	12,528.51	34,323.22
May 1, 1915, Balance on hand.....			$ 195.72
			$ 34,518.94

JAMES S. TIBBY, Financial Agent.

We have compared the above Report with the Treasurer's Books which have been audited and found correct.

J. H. REDPATH,
ROBERT A. M. STEELE,
Auditors.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.
Certified Public Accountants.
Commercial Trust Building.
Philadelphia, Pa., May 11, 1915.

Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, Treasurer,
617 N. 43d street,
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request we have audited the books and accounts of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Jewish Mission Board, and the Board of Church Erection, of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, from May 1, 1914, to April 30, 1915, and

WE CERTIFY that the statements of the various funds which are given herewith are properly prepared therefrom, and in our opinion are correct.

Yours very truly,
PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

REPORT OF S. A. S. METHENY, M. D., TREASURER.

Statement of Funds at April 30, 1915.

Board of Foreign Missions:		
Syrian Hospital Fund	$ 4,178.46	
Mersine Hospital Fund	3,666.89	
China General Fund	379.97	
Latakia Church Building Fund	2,582.66	
Latakia Missionary Dwelling Fund	3,189.11	
Tarsus Building Fund	4,798.38	
David Oliver Brown Memorial Fund	1,875.03	
Harry Lanphear Memorial Fund	167.55	
Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Fund	3,125.14	
Semi-Centennial Fund	578.27	
Rev. D. J. Shaw, Foreign Mission Fund	5,676.37	
		$ 30,217.83
Jewish Mission Board		890.41
Board of Church Erection		3,660.84
Cash balance April 30, 1915		$ 34,769.08
Deposited as follows:		
*Brown Bros. & Co., Philadelphia	$ 18,310.00	
Central National Bank, Philadelphia	10,837.48	
Bank of North America, Philadelphia	5,621.60	
Total		$ 34,769.08

*Includes deposit May 1, 1915—$572.11.

Levant (Syrian) Mission General Fund, April 30, 1915.

Receipts.

Congregations	$ 12,039.56		
Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies	2,778.69		
Individuals	1,409.13		
Rev. R. E. Willson, contributions received	375.40		
One-half Oakland Chinese Money 1914 Synod	424.67	$ 17,027.45	
Bequests and Legacies:			
Elizabeth J. McKinney, deceased	$ 100.00		
Dr. H. H. George	237.50		
Mrs. C. D. Trumbull	25.00		
Andrew Alexander (tenth and last payment)	2,500.00		
J. N. McKelsey	100.00		
Mrs. Eliza Cassidy Nelson, dec'd	500.00		
A. R. and Elizabeth Johnson	200.00	$ 3,662.50	
Dividends.			
David Gregg Endowment (additional for 1914)	$ 193.48		
David Gregg Endowment, 1915	3,322.03		
Foreign Mission Endowment	2,729.84		
David G. McKee Endowment	27.50		
John A. McKee Endowment	27.50		
David and Mrs. McKee Endowment	307.50		
Mrs. E. S. McKee Endowment	50.00		
J. R. McKee Endowment	55.00		
Ryegate Cong. Endowment	17.87	$ 6,730.72	
Total Receipts		$ 27,420.67	
Transferred from J. D. Shaw Fund to meet overdraft		2,020.11	
Total			$ 29,440.78

Disbursements.

Syria (Latakia and Suadea) Stations:			
Salaries	$ 5,761.12		
Mission Expense	5,898.60		
Traveling and Shipping Expense	43.13	$ 11,702.85	
Asia Minor (Tarsus) Station:			
Salaries	$ 5,083.43		
Mission Expense	5,150.06		
Rent of Building—Mersine	1,250.00		
Traveling and Shipping Expense	143.12	$ 11,626.61	

Cyprus Station:			
Salaries	$ 3,550.69		
Mission Expense	2,560.63	$ 6,111.32	
Total Disbursements			$ 29,440.78

Syrian Hospital Fund, April 30, 1915.

Balance May 1, 1914			$ 3,580.23
Receipts.			
Contributions from all sources:			
For general purposes	$ 50.50		
For support of beds	450.00	$ 500.50	
Interest to date		97.73	
Total receipts			$ 598.23
Balance April 30, 1915			$ 4,178.46

Mersine Hospital Fund, April 30, 1915.

Balance May 1, 1914			$ 2,689.10
Receipts.			
Contributions from all sources:			
For general purposes	$ 369.38		
For support of beds	535.00	904.38	
Interest to date		73.41	
Total Receipts			977.79
Balance April 30, 1915			$ 3,666.89

China Mission General Fund, April 30, 1915.

Balance May 1, 1914			$ 2,563.20
Receipts.			
Congregations	$ 11,049.62		
Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies	1,690.71		
Individuals	1,319.05	$ 14,059.38	
Bequests:			
Dr. H. H. George	$ 237.50		
Mildred Arlene Faris	5.66		
Mrs. Eliza Cassidy Nelson	500.00	743.16	
Dividends:			
Investment Funds	35.06		
David and Mrs. McKee Endowment	102.50	137.56	

Transfer from Harry Lanphear Memorial to cover salary J. A. Kempf	1,100.00	
Rev. A. I. Robb, contributions received	142.62	
Total Receipts		16,182.72
TOTAL		$ 18,745.92

Disbursements:

Salaries	$ 11,812.60	
Mission Expenses	3,162.92	
Traveling and Shipping Expense	2,090.43	
Building	1,300.00	
Total Disbursements	$ 18,365.95	
Balance April 30, 1915	379.97	
TOTAL		$ 18,745.92

Special Contribution Funds, April 30, 1915.

Syria (Latakia):

Receipts from all sources		$ 331.20

Disbursements:

Remittances to Miss M. R. Wylie	$ 40.00	
Remittances to J. S. Stewart, treasurer	291.20	
		$ 331.20

Asia Minor (Tarsus):

Receipts from all sources	$ 210.00	
Remittances to Dr. John Peoples, treasurer	210.00	

Cyprus:

Receipts from all sources	$ 485.00	
Remittance to W. McCarroll, treasurer	485.00	

China Special Fund, April 30, 1915.

Receipts from all sources	$ 1,626.38	
Remittances to J. K. Robb, treasurer, and J. A. Kempf	1,626.38	

China Relief Fund, April 30, 1915.

Receipts from all sources	$ 1,555.75	

Disbursements:

R. M. Sommerville, to cover amount advanced by him	$ 200.00	
Remittances to J. K. Robb, treas.	1,355.75	1,555.75

Latakia Church Building Fund, April 30, 1915.

Balance May 1, 1914		$ 210.09	
Received from Mrs. J. R. Copeland, treasurer, "to be used as the board thinks best"		2,349.08	
Interest to date		23.49	
Balance April 30, 1915			$ 2,582.66

Latakia Missionary Dwelling Fund, April 30, 1915.

Balance May 1, 1914		$ 3,085.89	
Receipts.			
Thank offering W. P. M. S., Pittsburgh	$ 19.00		
Interest to date	84.22	103.22	
Balance April 30, 1915			$ 3,189.11

Tarsus Building Fund, April 30, 1915.

Balance May 1, 1914		$ 4,670.89	
Interest to date		127.49	
Balance April 30, 1915			$ 4,798.38

David Oliver Brown Memorial Fund, April 30, 1915.

Balance May 1, 1914		$ 1,825.21	
Interest to date		49.82	
Balance April 30, 1915			$ 1,875.03

Harry Lanphear Memorial Fund, April 30, 1915.

Balance May 1, 1914		$ 1,253.50	
Interest to date		14.05	
Total			$ 1,267.55
Transferred to China Mission General Fund, account salary of Rev. J. A. Kempf		$ 1,100.00	
Balance April 30, 1915		167.55	
Total			$ 1,267.55

Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Fund, April 30, 1915.

Balance May 1, 1914		$ 3,042.10	
Interest to date		83.04	
Balance April 30, 1915			$ 3,125.14

Semi-Centennial Fund, April 30, 1915.

Balance May 1, 1914		$ 581.09	
Interest to date		15.34	
Total			$ 596.43

Disbursements:

Printing report of Board	$ 10.66	
Printing Programs for Mission Conference	2.25	
Printing Circular Letter	5.25	
	$ 18.16	
Balance April 30, 1915	578.27	
Total		$ 596.43

Rev. D. J. Shaw, Foreign Mission Fund, April 30, 1915.

Balance May 1, 1914	$ 7,491.98	
Interest to date	204.50	
Total		$ 7,696.48

Disbursements.

Transferred to Levant General Fund to meet overdraft	$ 2,020.11	
Balance April 30, 1915	5,676.37	
Total		$ 7,696.48

Bequests Received and Transferred to James S. Tibby, Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees, April 30, 1915.

Estate of Elizabeth J. McKinney Dec'd, for Syrian Mission		$ 100.00	
Estate of Mrs. C. D. Trumbull, Dec'd, on account of Miss Mearns' salary, Syrian Mission		25.00	
Estate Mildred Arlene Faris, Dec'd Barnet, Vt.		5.66	
Estate of Mrs. Eliza Cassidy Nelson:			
For Syrian Mission	$ 500.00		
For China Mission	500.00	1,000.00	
Estate of James Carlisle, Philadelphia, for Jewish Mission		48.98	
Total			$ 1,179.64

Treasurer's Expense Account for Year Ending April 30, 1915.

Total Expenses of Treasurer for Year		$ 574.18
Distributed as follows:		
Syrian Mission Expense	$ 114.84	
Asia Minor Mission Expense	114.84	
Cyprus Mission Expense	114.84	
China Mission Expense	229.66	
Total		$ 574.18

NOTE:—During the past five years the following office equipment was purchased and charged to the Treasurer's Expense Account:

L. C. Smith Typewriter	$ 70.00
Office Furniture, Steel Letter Files, Typewriter Desk, etc.	86.74

Burroughs Adding Machine.....	196.00	
Edison Dictating Machine.....	100.00	
	$ 452.74	

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. S. METHENY,
Treasurer.

The Jewish Mission Board, April 30, 1915.

Balance May 1, 1914.....			$ 524.51
Receipts.			
Congregations .....$	1,751.70		
Sabbath Schools and Societies....	961.30		
Individuals	1,132.13	$ 3,845.13	
Bequests:			
James Carlisle .....$	48.98		
Isabella Adams	176.00	224.98	
Interest to date.....		$ 5.25	
Total Receipts			4,075.36
Total			$ 4,599.87
Disbursements.			
Salaries		$ 2,183.33	
Mission Expense		1,526.13	
Total Disbursements.....		$ 3,709.46	
Balance April 30, 1915.....		890.41	
Total			$ 4,599.87

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. S. METHENY, Treasurer.

Board of Church Erection, April 30, 1915.

Balance May 1, 1914.....			$ 2,985.77
Receipts.			
Congregations .....$	1,236.50		
Sabbath Schools	45.78		
Individuals	98.05	$ 1,380.33	
One-third Kortright Money, 1914 Synod		325.67	
Dividends:			
David Gregg Endowment, additional for 1914.....$	38.70		
David Gregg Endowment, 1915 dividend	604.01		
Invested Funds	187.00	829.71	

Interest to date	39.36	
Total Receipts		$ 2,575.07
Total		$ 5,560.84

Disbursements.

La Junta Congregation, La Junta, Colo.	$ 1,500.00	
Hetherton Congregation, Hetherton, Mich.	200.00	
First Beaver Falls Congregation	200.00	
Total Disbursements	$ 1,900.00	
Balance April 30, 1915	3,660.84	
Total		$ 5,560.84

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. S. METHENY, Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF S. A. S. METHENY, TREASURER.
April 30th, 1915.

BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1915-1916.

Levant.

	Salaries	Expense	Rent	Travel	Total
Syria	$ 5,610.00	$ 7,827.00	.....	$ 900.00	$14,337.00
Asia Minor	5,275.00	6,472.00	$1,250.00	950.00	13,947.00
Cyprus	3,715.00	3,482.00	.....	350.00	7,547.00
	$14,600.00	$17,781.00	$1,250.00	$2,200.00	$35,831.00

Estimated Income.

School and Medical Department—Cyprus	$2,432.00	
Dividends on Invested Funds (Estimated)	5,568.00	
Winchester Congregation Salary of Rev. Samuel Edgar	1,050.00	$ 9,050.00
Amount Needed to Continue Present Work		$26,781.00

China.

	Salaries	Expense	Travel	Total
Tak Hing	$ 8,225.00	$6,475.00	$1,100.00	$15,800.00
Lo Ting	4,345.00	1,195.00	750.00	6,290.00
	$12,570.00	$7,670.00	$1,850.00	$22,090.00

Estimated Income.

Dividends on Invested Funds (Estimated)	$ 13.00	
Third Philadelphia Congregation—		
Salary of Dr. J. M. Wright	1,100.00	
Salary of Rev. E. C. Mitchell	1,050.00	$ 2,163 00
Amount Needed to Continue Present Work		$19,927.00

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED.

1915-1916.

LEVANT. $27,000.00
CHINA. $20,000.00

Schedule of Salaries and Children's Allowances.

LEVANT—1915-1916.

SYRIA:	Salary	Children	Total
Balph, Dr. J. M.	$ 1,200.00		$ 1,200 00
Edgar, Miss Maggie B.	720.00		720.00
Edgar, Rev. Samuel	1,050.00		
R. Faris (8)		$ 40.00	
Wm. Donald (5)		25.00	1,115.00
Mearns, Miss M. Florence	600.00		600.00
Stewart, Rev. J. S.	1,200.00		
James S. (11)		55.00	1,255.00
Wylie, Miss Mattie R.	720.00		720.00
	$ 5,490.00	$120.00	$ 5,610.00
ASIA MINOR:			
Carithers, Mr. J. French	$ 600.00		$ 600.00
French, Miss F. Elma	630.00		630.00
McFarland, Rev. A. J.	1,050.00		
Margaret (16)		$100.00	1,150.00
Peoples, Dr. John	1,050.00		
David Metheny (4)		20.00	
Anna Jean (3)		15.00	1,085.00
Sterrett, Miss Evadna M.	720.00		720.00
Willson, Rev. R. E.	1,050.00		
Samuel Bruce (5)		25.00	
Helen (3)		15.00	1,090.00
	$ 5,100.00	$175.00	$ 5,275.00
CYPRUS:			
Conner, Mr. Dwight H.	$ 550.00		$ 550.00
McCarroll, Dr. Calvin	1,100.00		
Grace Adelaide (10)		$ 50.00	
James Calvin (8)		40.00	
Neil Grenfel (6)		30.00	1,220.00
McCarroll, Rev. Walter	1,100.00		
Henry George (14)		100.00	
Theodore Clyde (13)		65.00	
Eleanor Louise (9)		45.00	
David Lyal (7)		35.00	1,345.00
Stewart, Mr. Chas. A.	600.00		600.00
	$ 3,350.00	$365.00	$ 3,715.00

SUMMARY.

SYRIA.	$ 5,490.00	$120.00	$ 5,610 00
ASIA MINOR	5,100.00	175.00	5,275.00
CYPRUS.	3,350.00	365.00	3,715.00
Total.	$13,940.00	$660.00	$14,600.00

CHINA—1915-1916.

TAK HING:	Salary	Children	Total
Adams, Miss Mary R.	$ 600.00		$ 600.00
Huston, Miss Rose A.	630.00		630.00
Kempf, Rev. Julius A.	1,100.00		1,100.00
McBurney, Dr. Kate	660.00		660.00
Robb, Rev. A. I.	1,200.00		
Lizzie Alice (18)		$100.00	
Remo Irvin (16)		100.00	
George Mackay (12)		60.00	
Jean (5)		25 00	1,485 00
Robb, Rev. J. K.	1,100.00		
Neil Lawson (13)	(Special)	100.00	
David Metheny (12)		60.00	
Joseph Scott (10)		50 00	
Margaret (8)		40.00	1,350.00
Robinson, Miss Annie J.	630 00		630.00
Scott, Dr. Ida M.	630.00		630.00
Wright, Dr. J. M.	1,100.00		
Robert Paul (8)		40.00	1,140.00
	$ 7,650.00	$575.00	$ 8,225.00
LO TING:			
Dean, Miss Jennie M.	$ 630.00		$ 630.00
Dickson, Dr. E. J. M.	1,000.00		1,000 00
Mitchell, Rev. E. C.	1,050.00		1,050.00
Stewart, Miss E. Margaret	600.00		600.00
Taggart, Rev. D. Ray	1,050.00		
Martha Irene (3)		15.00	1,065.00
	$ 4,330.00	$ 15.00	$ 4,345.00

SUMMARY.

TAK HING	$ 7.650.00	$575.00	$ 8,225.00
LO TING	4,330.00	15.00	4,345 00
Total	$11,980.00	$590.00	$12,570.00

GENERAL SUMMARY.

LEVANT.	$13,940.00	$ 660.00	$14,600.00
CHINA.	11,980.00	590.00	12,570.00
Total	$25,920.00	$1.250.00	$27,170.00

MISSION ESTIMATES IN THE LEVANT.

SYRIA.

Field Expenses.

LATAKIA STATION:

Evangelistic:	
Licentiate.	$ 245.00
Evangelist.	109.00

Educational:		
Teachers. .	2,938.00	
Provisions and Fuel	1,839.00	
Clothing. .	107.00	
Books and Stationery	143.00	
School Servants	379.00	
Buyer. .	150.00	$5,910.00
SUADEA STATION:		
Teachers. .	726.00	
Care-taker	100.00	
Repairs and General Expenses	75.00	901.00
Medical Department		457.00
Miscellaneous:		
Business Agent, Beirut	24.00	
Repairs on Buildings	178.00	
Traveling Expenses	107.00	
Keep of Animals	143.00	
Sundries. .	107.00	559.00
Total		$7,827.00

SUMMARY.

Evangelistic. .	$ 354.00
Educational. .	5,556.00
Medical. .	457.00
Miscellaneous. .	1,460.00
Total. .	$7,827.00

NOTE: As no estimate has been received this year from the Syrian Mission, the estimate of last year has been used as a basis.

ASIA MINOR.

Field Expenses.

MERSINE STATION:		
Evangelistic:		
Bible Reader	$ 80.00	
Educational:		
Teachers. .	1,275.00	
Provisions and Fuel	1,030.00	
Bedding and Clothing	43.00	
Buyer. .	53.00	$2,481.00
TARSUS STATION:		
Evangelistic:		
Evangelist. .	429.00	
Bible Reader	45.00	
Educational:		
Teachers. .	515.00	989.00
ADANA STATION:		
Evangelist. .	257.00	
Teacher. .	129.00	386.00

KARADASH STATION:		
Evangelist	129.00	
Teacher	53.00	182.00
Medical Department:		
Provisions and Fuel	515.00	
Medical Supplies	257.00	
Wages	430.00	
Traveling	43.00	1,245.00
Miscellaneous:		
Books and Stationery	129.00	
Helpers	158.00	
Incidentals	129.00	
Rent and Taxes	515.00	
Repairs	215.00	
Traveling Expenses	43.00	1,189.00
Total		$6,472.00
Rent—Mersine Buildings		1,250.00
Total		$7,722.00

SUMMARY.

Evangelistic	$ 940.00
Educational	3,098.00
Medical	1,245.00
Miscellaneous	1,189.00
	$6,472.00
Rent—Mersine Buildings	1,250.00
Total	$7,722.00

CYPRUS.

Field Expenses.

LARNACA STATION:		
Educational:		
Teachers (7)	$1,702.00	
School Supplies	365.00	
Miscellaneous:		
Taxes, Insurance, etc	122.00	$2,189.00
NICOSIA STATION:		
Evangelistic:		
Licentiate	389.00	
Bible Woman	58.00	
Miscellaneous:		
Care-taker	117.00	564.00
Medical Department		729.00
Total		$3,482.00

Estimated Income:		
Medical Department	1,459.00	
School	973.00	2,432.00
Appropriation by the Board		$1,050.00

SUMMARY.

Evangelistic	$ 447.00
Educational	2,067.00
Medical	729.00
Miscellaneous	239.00
Total	$3,482.00

CHINA MISSION.

Field Expenses.

TAK HING STATION:

Evangelistic:		
Native Preachers	$ 300.00	
Country Chapels	225.00	$ 525.00
Educational:		
Boys' School	675.00	
Girls' School	600.00	
Country Schools	450.00	
Students' Aid	150.00	
Women's School	300.00	2,175.00
Medical Department:		
Hospital Expense	500.00	
Medical School	250.00	750.00
Miscellaneous:		
Mission Expense		3,025.00
Total		$6,475.00

LO TING STATION:

Evangelistic:		
Native Preachers	$ 180.00	
Bible Women	60.00	
Book Seller	45.00	
Literary Fund	10.00	$ 295.00
Educational:		
Boys' School	175.00	
Girls' School	200.00	375.00
Medical Department:		
Hospital Expense		300.00
Miscellaneous:		
Mission Expense		225.00
Total		$1,195.00

SUMMARY.

Evangelistic	$ 820.00
Educational	2,550.00
Medical	1,050.00
Miscellaneous	3,250.00
Total	$7,670.00

LEVANT MISSION RECEIPTS.

	1914	1915		
Congregations	$10,057.54	$12,039.56	$1,982.02	more
S. S. & M. S.	2,838.24	2,778.69	59.55	less
Individuals	1,161.95	1,409.13	247.18	more
	$14,057.73	$16,227.38	$2,169.65	more
Dividends	5,578.81	6,730.72	1,151.91	more
Bequests	5,748.35	3,662.50	2,085.85	less
Other Sources	.....	800.07	800.07	more
	$25,384.89	$27,420.67	$2,035.78	more

CHINA MISSION RECEIPTS.

	1914	1915		
Congregations	$ 9,937.77	$11,049.62	$1,111.85	more
S. S. & M. S.	1,480.42	1,690.71	210.29	more
Individuals	1,010.60	1,319.05	309.45	more
	$12,428.79	$14,059.38	$1,630.59	more
Dividends	13.06	137 56	124.50	more
Bequests	689.45	743.16	53.71	more
Lanphear Transfer	1,050.00	1,100.00	50.00	more
Other Sources	69.11	142.62	73.51	more
	$14,250.41	$16,182.72	$1,932.31	more
Balance, April 30	2,563.20	379.97	2,183.23	less

LEVANT MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

SYRIA (Latakia)	1914	1915		
Salaries	$ 5,598.88	$ 5,761.12	$ 162.24	more
Mission Expense	4,938.00	5,898.60	960.60	more
Travel	1,814.37	43.13	1,771.24	less
	$12,351.25	$11,702.85	$ 648.40	less
ASIA MINOR (Tarsus)				
Salaries	$ 5,364.22	$ 5,083.43	$ 280.79	less
Mission Expense	5,581.68	5,150.06	431.62	less
Travel	927.59	143.12	784.47	less
Rent—Mersine	1,250.00	1,250.00	.....	
Repairs	500.00	.....	500.00	less
	$13,623.49	$11,626.61	$1,996.88	less

CYPRUS				
Salaries	$ 3,600.52	$ 3,550.69	$ 49.83	less
Mission Expense	2,282.69	2,560.63	277.94	more
Travel	316.50	.....	316.50	less
	$ 6,199.71	$ 6,111.32	$ 88.39	less
Grand Total	$32,174.45	$29,440.78	$2,733.67	less

SUMMARY.

	1914	1915		
Salaries	$14,563.62	$14,395.24	$ 168.38	less
Mission Expense	12,802.37	13,609.29	806.92	more
Travel	3,058.46	186.25	2,872.21	less
Rent—Mersine	1,250.00	1,250.00	.....	
Repairs	500.00	.....	500.00	less
	$32,174.45	$29,440.78	$2,733.67	less

CHINA MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

	1914	1915		
Salaries	$11,933.34	$11,812.60	$ 120.74	less
Mission Expense	1,411.09	3,162.92	1,751.83	more
Travel	1,626.11	2,090.43	464.32	more
Building	2,800.00	1,300.00	1,500.00	less
Lo Ting Station	4,005.00	.....	4,005.00	less
Land—Lo Ting	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00	less
	$23,275.54	$18,745.92	$4,529.62	less

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. S. METHENY, Treasurer.

Adopted by the Board of Foreign Missions at the meeting of May 18, 1915, with the request that SYNOD order it to be printed in the Minutes of Synod in connection with the report of the Treasurer.

F. M. FOSTER, Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod:

The Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association would respectfully report that twenty meetings have been held during the year closing March 1st, 1915; five of the Association, three of the Board of Directors and twelve of the Board of Managers. The average attendance at the meetings of the Board of Managers was eighteen.

The Corresponding Secretary wrote ninety-two pulpit notices, twenty-six letters, sixty-one postals and sent out 620 annual reports and seventy-nine invitations for Donation and Reception Day.

During the year three persons have been admitted to the Home; Mrs. Mary Halter of Allegheny, Pa., April 20, 1914; Mrs. Mary Gnas of Princeton, Ind., April 28, 1914; and Miss Mary McCrum of Pittsburgh, Pa., July 11, 1914; making fifty-nine persons received since the opening of the Home.

Since our last report three persons have entered into rest: Miss Hephzibah Young, May 6, 1914; Miss Jane Simpson, May 17, 1914; and Miss Mattie Eccles, February 10, 1915.

We are pleased to report that Miss Etta Jamison is still with us as Matron, and has the love and esteem of the members of the Home, and all those in charge of the Home.

Our annual reception was held October 20th, and the donations received were many and helpful; the gifts in money amounting to about three hundred dollars ($300.00).

Twelve sermons have been preached in the Home by the following ministers and licentiates: Mr. Hilton Shaw, Mr. Burt Willson, Rev. Ernest Patton, Rev. C. A. Dodds, Rev. R. A. Blair, Dr. T. H. Acheson, Dr. D. C. Martin, Rev. B. M. Sharpe, Mr. William Coleman, Dr. W. J. Coleman, Dr. R. C. Wylie, and Rev. H. G. McConaughey. On Thanksgiving evening Dr. T. H. Acheson conducted the annual Thanksgiving service. During July and August the Young People of the Allegheny Church held a meeting each Sabbath evening in the Home. Prayer meetings have been held each Wednesday evening, Mr. R. W. Wallace and the students of the Seminary having charge of these meetings.

We wish to express our gratitude to the ministers and students, to the physicians and all the friends who have given their time and means to the work of the Home.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. J. T. Morton, our fathful and beloved president, has, on account of impaired health and an increasing dullness of hearing, which made it difficult for her to preside at the meetings, felt compelled to offer and we to accept her resignation at the December meeting of the Association.

We therefore desire to place on record our regret of the necessity of her withdrawal from this position; but realize that the duties and responsibilities which she had once cheerfully carried with whatever labor and sacrifice they were attended, had become a burden too heavy for her to bear. We appreciate her faithfulness and devotion to the best interests of the Home during this long continued service and rejoice in the confidence that her interest and effectiveness in this work will not fail or even diminish when she serves in another way.

Mrs. Morton has been chosen Honorary President.

One Life Member has been added to the Association, Mrs. Agnes Agnew.

The Congregational collections amounted to five hundred, seventy-seven dollars and eighty-four cents ($577.84).

We again ask for an appropriation of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00).

A committee consisting of Mrs. Annette G. Wallace and Mrs. T. H. Acheson was appointed to present the needs of the Home at the meeting of the Synod.

MRS. W. J. WARD, Secretary.

TREASURER'S EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1915.

Receipts.

Current Expense	$1,883.07
Donations	640.75
Manager's Contingent Fund	23.00
Interest	374.07
Membership Dues	186.00
Admission Fees	600.00
Member's Acct	1,721.04
Congregational Collections	577.84
	$6,005.77
Mar. 1, 1914—Bal. Brot.	525.69
	$6,531.46

Expense.

Current Expense	$2,148.08
House Expense	1,592.87
Salary and Help	1,449.00
Interest	1,036.32
Manager's Contingent F.	15.00
Eda S. E. McKee R.	3.00
Wardrobe Com. R.	1.00
Mrs. S. McNaugher R.	23.00
John Davidson R.	23.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. Gregg R.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. & M. E. McKee R.	6.75
Margaret Galbraith R.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McKee R.	1.00
Lizzie Hunter R.	1.00
Rev. Jos. and Mary Hunter R.	23.00
David Torrence R.	24.33
Thank Offering R.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Morton R.	1.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Wylie R.	1.00
Mrs. Jane Lindsay R.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh R.	1.00
Mrs. John H. Ward R.	1.00
Miss Martha McConnell R.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Aiton R.	1.00
Mr. Sam'l McKee R.	1.00
	$6,358.35
Mar. 1, 1915—Bal.	173.11
	$6,531.46

Respectfully submitted,

ANNETTE G, WALLACE, Treas.

We have compared the above report with the books of the Treasurer and find same correct.

JAMES S. TIBBY,
WYMAN S. ROBB,
T. S. TRUMBULL.

REPORT OF MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Mission Conference met in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Parnassus, Pa., June 1st, 1915, at 10:15 A. M., and was called to order by S. G. Conner who offered prayer. S. G. Conner was re-elected

chairman, S. J. Johnston chosen clerk, and A. A. Johnston assistant clerk.

Forty-five Congregations and Mission stations applied to this Conference for aid and appropriations to the amount of $13,620.00 were recommended to the various congregations as follows:

Colorado Presbytery.

La Junta	$300.00

Illinois Presbytery.

Selma (at disposal of Presbytery for development of field)	$400.00
St. Louis	800.00

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Presbytery.

Cornwallis	$400.00
St. John and Barnesville	400.00

Kansas Presbytery.

Billings	$225.00
Irving Place (at disposal of Central Board for development of the field)	700.00
Minneola (at disposal of Presbytery for development of field)	270.00
Quinter	200.00
Tabor	300.00
Robstown (stated supply)	300.00

Iowa Presbytery.

Lake Reno	$200.00
Chicago (on condition congregation raise $900 for pastor's salary)	500.00

New York Presbytery.

Brooklyn	$200.00
Bovina	100.00
Coldenham	200.00
Montclair	250.00
West Hebron	400.00
White Lake	350.00

Ohio Presbytery.

Belle Center	$100.00
Bellefontaine	200.00
Cedarville	300.00
Cincinnati	400.00
Hetherton	350.00
Fair Grove (at disposal of Presbytery for development of field)	100.00
Southfield (pastor or stated supply)	200.00
(in case of supplies)	100.00

Pacific Coast Presbytery.

Content (on condition congregation raise $250.00)	$350.00
Edmonton (at disposal of Presbytery)	200.00

Hemet	400.00
Portland	800.00
Winnipeg	1,000.00
Santa Ana	400.00

Pittsburg Presbytery.

Bear Run and Mahoning (for pastor) ($5.00 per day for supplies)	$400.00
Brookland (stated supply, congregation to raise $150.00)	100.00
Connelsville	700.00
East End	200.00
North Union	100.00
Pine Creek	150.00
Faith (for pastor or stated supply)	900.00
(for supplies)	300.00
Mercer	175.00
Slippery Rock (for pastor) (for supplies $3.00 per day)	150.00
Adamsville and Middletown (for pastor, congregation to raise $150.00. $5.00 per day for supplies)	100.00
Youngstown	550.00

Rochester Presbytery.

Lochiel	$400.00

We submit the following recommendations:

1. It is the judgment of Synod that congregations desiring aid from the Domestic Mission Fund should at least in general adopt the principle of tithe-giving and should follow the method of weekly contribution by the duplex envelope system or otherwise, for congregational expenses, including pastor's salary.

2. That the attention of these weakened congregations be directed to the Every Member Canvass as an appropriate means for increasing their part of the support.

3. That the Clerk of Mission Conference be directed to send a letter to Lake Reno urging greater attention to the pastor's salary and to Winnipeg as to the raising of funds for preaching.

S. G. CONNER, Chairman.
S. J. JOHNSTON, Clerk.

The motion prevailed that Item 1 of the recommendations attached to this report should be printed among the regulations on the Application Blanks used by congregations seeking financial aid.

The Committee on Supplies reported. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

The Committee on Supplies would respectfully report that the names of twenty-three men were referred to us for appointments. Nine Presbyteries ask the time of twelve men. We have arranged the following appointments for the year:

R. C. ADAMS—June, July, August, September, May, Kansas.

R. C. ALLEN—June to December, Pittsburg; January, February, Ohio; March, Illinois; April, Iowa; May, Kansas.

T. J. ALLEN—July, August, September, New York; October, November, December, Pittsburg; January to May, Ohio.

W. C. COLEMAN—June, Pittsburg; July, Iowa; August, Kansas; September, October, Illinois; November, December, Ohio; January, February, Rochester; March, April, New York; May, Pittsburg.

J. W. DILL—Entire year, Kansas.

ISAIAH FARIS—Entire year, Kansas.

W. S. FULTON—June to March, Kansas; April, Ohio; May, Illinois.

J. B. GILMORE—June, July, Illinois; August to March, Pittsburg; April, May, Iowa.

ROBERT GRAHAM—June, July, Ohio; August, September, Illinois; October, November, Iowa; December, January, Kansas; February, March, New York; April, May, Rochester.

W. P. JOHNSTON—June, July, New York; August, Iowa; September, October, Ohio; November, December, Pittsburg; January, February, Rochester; April, May, New York.

THOMAS PATTON—June, July, August, Iowa; September to December, Illinois; January, February, March, Ohio; April, May, Pittsburg.

D. C. MARTIN—Entire year, Pittsburg.

T. A. McELWAIN—June, July, Pittsburg; August, September, Ohio; October, November, Illinois; rest of year, Pittsburg.

A. J. McFARLAND—Entire year, Pittsburg.

WILLIAM McFARLAND—November, December, New York; January, Rochester; February, March, Ohio; April, May, Illinois.

R. S. McELHINNEY—June, Illinois; July, Ohio; August, Pittsburg; September to May, Illinois.

S. M. MORROW—June to January, Pacific Coast; February, March, Kansas; April, Iowa; May, Illinois.

F. F. READE—June, Pittsburg; July, August, Ohio; September, October, Illinois; November, December, Iowa; January, February, Kansas; March, April, May, Pacific Coast.

W. J. SANDERSON—June, July, Rochester; rest of year, Pacific Coast.

W. H. SHAW—June, July, New York; August, Rochester; September, Pittsburg; October, Ohio; November, Illinois; December, Iowa; January to May, Pacific Coast.

T. C. SPROULL—June to November, Ohio; December to March, Pittsburg.

B. M. SHARP—June, July, August, Pittsburg; September, October, November, Ohio; December, January, February, Illinois; March, April, Iowa; May, Kansas.

J. BURT WILLSON—June, Pittsburg; July, Ohio; August, Illinois; September to May, New York.

S. J. JOHNSTON, Chairman.
W. G. ROBB,
E. K. PATTON.

The Committee on Place of Meeting reported that but one invitation for the next meeting of Synod had been referred to them, viz.: from the session of the Chicago congregation.

Synod decided to accept this invitation and fixed the first Wednesday of June, 1916, at 10 A. M., as the time for convening; the Mission Conference to meet at 10 A. M. on Tuesday previous.

The Commission to which the Santa Ana case was referred submitted a report to Synod with the minutes of their proceedings. The Synod approved of the report and ordered the records to be spread upon the Minutes. They are as follows:

COMMISSION ON SANTA ANA CASE.

The Commission on the Santa Ana Case would respectfully report:

A paper subscribed by Adam Walkinshaw of Santa Ana Congregation was presented containing a protest and complaint by Mr. Walkinshaw against the Pacific Coast Presbytery for not complying with his request in framing a libel against the pastor of the Santa Ana Congregation.

The Commission finds that the action of the Presbytery was regular and is hereby sustained.

J. C. McFEETERS, Chairman.
A. A. SAMSON, J. D. EDGAR,
J. M. CLARK, J. W. M. HART.

Parnassus, Pa., June 8, 1915.

The Commission on the Santa Ana Case was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. J. D. Edgar was elected Clerk.

A paper subscribed by Adam Walkinshaw of Santa Ana Congregation was presented, containing a protest and complaint against the Pacific Coast Presbytery for not complying with his request in framing a libel against the pastor of the Santa Ana Congregation.

The Commission finds that the action of the Presbytery was reg-

ular and is hereby sustained. The Commission was adjourned with prayer by J. D. Edgar.

J. C. McFEETERS, Moderator.
J. D. EDGAR, Clerk.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Devotional Exercises—T. C. McKnight, W. J. McBurney, M. S. McMillan, William Pearce, D. S. Anderson.

Order of Business—J. M. Wylie, D. H. Elliott, J. D. Edgar, W. J. Marshall, A. F. Reid.

Systematic Beneficence—D. H. Elliott, R. A. Blair, D. C. Mathews, James Carson, G. A. McKee, James S. Tibby.

The Sabbath—R. W. Piper, P. J. McDonald, W. G. Robb, S. R. Davis, A. M. Cannon.

Secret Societies—J. B. Tweed, W. J. Sanderson, G. N. Greer, A. P. Donahue, J. W. M. Hart.

Unfinished Business—G. A. Edgar, F. M. Willson.

The Committee on Nominations made a final report, which was adopted and is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

On Board of Control, as their own successors—O. L. Samson and A. F. Reid.

For Bible-Reading Folder Committee—H. G. Patterson, E. L. McKnight and W. J. Marshall.

Delegates to Presbyterian Alliance, Western Section, to meet in September, 1917—T. H. Acheson and R. J. G. McKnight.

On Problem of Pacific Coast Presbytery's traveling expense—John Coleman, Isaiah Faris and E. L. Dodds.

To reply to the communication from the American Bible Society—J. B. Gilmore, James McCune, James Park.

Permanent Committee on Temperance—J. G. McElhinney, to succeed himself; and T. C. Weir, to succeed A. M. Mitchell.

Commission to hear Santa Ana Case—J. C. McFeeters, A. A. Samson, J. D. Edgar, James M. Clark, J. W. M. Hart.

Committee to consider the question of doing away with the Mission Conference—D. B. Wilson, M. M. Pearce, John Coleman, J. H. McBurney, A. F. Reid.

To fill vacancies in Committee on Systematic Beneficence—To succeed W. M. Robb as chairman, D. H. Elliott; D. C. Mathews and James Carson to succeed themselves.

On the Evangelistic Committee—T. H. Acheson and Robert Park as their own successors.

Committee on Voting in Canada—J. M. Coleman, Thos. McFall, James McCune, S. R. McKelvey and A. Alexander.

Committee to arrange for conferences for the week before next Synod—G. A. Edgar, D. B. Wilson, J. B. Gilmore, S. A. S. Metheny and J. D. McAnlis.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. DODDS, Chairman.

A. A. JOHNSTON, THOS. C. McKNIGHT,
JAMES S. TIBBY, A. ALEXANDER.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported. The officers were instructed to sign the letter submitted on behalf of Synod and forward it to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, All the installments of the Andrew Alexander Bequest, amounting to sixty thousand dollars, have been received from the Executrix, Mrs. Anna Murtland of New York;

RESOLVED, That Synod place upon record its thanks to Mrs. Murtland for the prompt payment of these installments and we assure her and her sister, Mrs. Roby, that great good has been accomplished by the very generous provision made by their father, Mr. Alexander, for the advancement and building up of the kingdom of God.

RESOLVED, That the Witness Bearing Committee be directed and that the National Reform Association be requested, when preparing petitions for the proposed Christian amendment, to the national constitution, to include definite reference to the Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the nations as well as the nation's King.

RESOLVED, That this Synod learns with pleasure of the Syrian mission work in Pittsburg under the control of the Pittsburg Presbytery, recognizes the present importance and the possibilities of this mission field, and recommends this work to the interest, prayers and co-operation of our people.

RESOLVED, That Synod recommends the use of the ordinary topics for the Young People's Societies with the substitution of special topics where the Committee on Young People's Societies may think advisable.

RESOLVED, That inasmuch as "The Fundamentals," a series of volumes published by "Two Laymen" as dealing only with fundamentals in religion are admitting into their publications articles in defense of Premillennialism, this Synod respectfully protests that these articles are not fundamental.

C. A. Dodds was instructed to express to D. H. Coulter the sympathy of this court for him in his present affliction.

The Committee to consider the communication from the American Bible Society reported. The report was amended and adopted. It is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY CENTENNIAL.

Your Committee on Communication from the American Bible Society would report as follows:

The communication placed in our hands contains a statement of a proposal to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the organization of the Society May 8th to 11th, 1916, accompanied by an announcement that the society will hold a World's Bible Congress in San Francisco, Cal., August 1st to 4th of the present year, in connection with the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Of the work of publishing the Gospel of the Kingdom throughout the Nations, a most vital, fundamental and far-reaching part is the printing and distributing of the Scriptures. We recognize, with deep interest, and appreciation, and gratitude to God, the great work which the American Bible Society, under the blessing of God, has been enabled to accomplish in the century drawing to a close, as indicated in the statement that during that time there have been issued 109,873,782 volumes of the Scriptures.

We recommend, in response to the society's request for the appointment of a committee to unite with the society in preparation for the coming centennial celebration, that such a committee be appointed, consisting of the following persons: Rev. F. M. Foster, Ph. D., Rev. F. M. Willson, D. D., Mr. Henry O'Neill, and that the chairman of this committee be the delegate of the Synod to bear the greetings of the Reformed Presbyterian Church to the society on the occasion of its centennial celebration.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GILMORE, Chairman.
JAMES McCUNE,
JAMES PARK.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the officers and precentors of Synod in recognition of their services.

The Minutes of the present session were read and approved. The motion to adjourn prevailed.

F. M. Foster offered prayer, adjourning the court. The 133rd Psalm was sung and the Benediction pronounced by the Moderator, who then declared the Synod to be adjourned, to meet in Chicago, Ill., the first Wednesday of June, 1916, at 10 A. M.

JOHN C. FRENCH, Moderator,
GEO. A. EDGAR, Clerk,
F. M. WILLSON, Assistant Clerk.

APPENDIX.

PROPOSED OVERTURE ON TOBACCO.

The use of tobacco is an acquired, undesirable and sinful habit, and its effect is hurtful to the body and the mind. Church members should not set this example before the youth.

We testify against the production, sale or use of tobacco as being incompatible with the highest form of Christian conduct.

1 Cor. 6:20—For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

2 Cor. 7:1—. . . . Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

1 Tim. 5:22—Keep thyself pure.

1 John 3:3—And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Errors to be condemned:

That anyone can continue to practice this habit, which is injurious to the body, or the mind, or the highest spiritual development, and be guiltless.

That we are not responsible for the effect of our example on others.

That we are not responsible to God for money spent upon a selfish indulgence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE LAND LEGISLATION OF THE HEBREWS.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.
Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your committee on "the land legislation of the Hebrews in its relation to the present land question" would respectfully report:

During more than a century the Covenanter Church has been giving her political message, if not always with enthusiasm, at least with persistence, to the people of this land. What we, almost alone, asserted, is now generally admitted, that our political and business system is the most unsaved part of our common life, but we have ever kept the faith that it would be redeemed by the cleansing power of the blood that destroys sin. We believe that all of man's life is to be brought into the Kingdom of God, and certainly that part which engrosses nearly six-sevenths of his time may not be left outside. We believe in a political and economic order in which dwelleth righteousness, and wherever unrighteousness is intrenched must the church of God make her attack.

It is the mission of the church, under God, to save this world individually and institutionally. That is witnessed by the provisions given by God to Moses for the regulation of the public and private life of Israel. In the settlement in Canaan, care was taken that each family should have a home. So well was this basis of family and

national life guarded that the homestead could not pass out of the possession of the family. Even if misfortune or incompetence should cause its sale, it could not be permanently alienated, but was restored in the year of Jubilee. Only in the cities, where the traders lived, could a foreigner get more than a lease on his place of living, or a native get a lasting title to his neighbor's hearthstone.

What was the purpose of this entail of land on each family in Israel? Evidently it had a necessary place in God's plan to build up a nation to witness for Him. May it not be that He who made and knew the heart of man realized that the highest development of citizenship demanded a stake in the land? May it not be that a tenant population which holds home and place of earning a living at the will of another is lacking in some of the qualities that make up an independent democracy?

In our own land, once so liberally endowed with free land, there is but little remaining that is workable. When our young men grow up in one of our older congregations, the buying of a farm near the church often means a very heavy burden of debt.

It is true that it is no harder for them to carry this burden than for the stranger, often a foreigner, who gets it. But it is the hunt for cheaper land that is depleting some of our congregations of members that move into distant places and are lost to the church.

It is quite true that if men would put spiritual before economic gain, that this would not take place, but could they be held in the old environment, the spiritual element in life might be developed.

This is the problem, past or present, of every country congregation in the Middle West.

The problem of our own church is more difficult than with most others, since we have so few congregations to gather up the movers.

The families of our land are gradually losing what was thought essential in Israel, a home. In Omaha 84% of the population live in rented houses; in Greater New York, 88%; in Manhattan, 94%. Two per cent of the people in Manhattan own homes that are free of debt. In 1880, 75% of the farms in the United States were operated by their owners; in 1890, 72%; in 1900, 65%; in 1910, 60%. If these influences are to continue, our independent land owners seem likely to disappear. Already the greater part of our citizens are tenants at will. Now, if it was essential for the development of a people that would be fitted to witness for God that they should own their homes, it would seem that the Hebrew land laws have their message for modern times. If it is essential that the people have homes of their own, it should be easier to get them; it should be easier to keep them. If the Hebrew system was essentially ideal in its arrangements, then our modern methods of taxation and land holding must be out of joint.

Do the teachings of the Bible lay a burden on the church to preach a gospel to an unregenerated political order? It is the belief of your committee that such is the case. Your committee holds that wherever there is sin, it retards the coming of the Kingdom, and that the church should have a message suited to the need.

Your committee would therefore propose:

1. That Synod commends the land laws of the Hebrews as containing basal principles which recognize the perpetual proprietorship of God in the land.

2. That Synod commends the object of these laws: (1) that each family should own a home, (2) that monopoly should be prevented, (3) that equality of opportunity should exist.

3. That we believe the direct command, "six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work," has its corollary in the social obligation to make conditions such that there need be no worthy unemployed.

4. We hold that each contributor in the production of wealth, whether individual or community, should share in distribution in ratio of contribution.

5. That since it is the increasing population of the city which enlarges ground rents, the community has the right and duty to levy in taxes an increasing share of what the community produces.

6. That according to the same principles, the improvements added by the owner to his property by his own efforts should be exempt from tax.

7. That since franchise values are so largely produced by the community, it should appropriate for public use what the public has contributed.

8. We believe that the adoption of these propositions in our taxing system would work for the attainment of the ends secured by the land laws of the Hebrews.

J. M. COLEMAN.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

Moderator, Rev. John C. French, 293 S. Clarkson Ave., Denver, Colo.

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HOME MISSIONARIES OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Indian Mission—Rev. W. W. Carithers, D. D., Apache, Okla.

Jewish Mission—Rev. R. A. Blair, Philadelphia, Pa.

Southern Mission—(Superintendency vacant.)

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1915.

COLORADO

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase on Profession	Increase by Certificate	Decrease by Death	Decrease by Dismissal	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrollment	Young People's Society Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Domestic Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	General College	Church Erection	Aged People's Home	National Reform	Witness Bearing	Temperance Fund	Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Students' Aid	Salary Paid by Congregation	Parsonage	Tithers	Miscellaneous	Total
Denver	J. C. French	293 So. Clarkson	3	4	13	5	3	20	81	a2	114	18	$ 56	$95	$ 3	$10	$ 2	$	$	$ 12	$	$ 1	$	$	b85	$ 4	$	$1400	No	25	$1064	$2732
Greeley	J. Boggs Dodds	1520 Tenth Ave	4	6	7	9		2	90	c1	92	33	62	94	223	5	6	41	4	53	11	6	13	3	81	2	1	1050	No	46	469	2124
Evans	W. J. McBurney	Evans, Colo.	3	3				1	49	3	42	15	58	74	17	18	19	7		12	7	5	9	8	4	10	6	900	No	30	262	1416
La Junta	E. A. Crooks	810 Carson Ave.	3	2	1	3			45	d1	120	13	81	126	17						1770							900	No	15	2460	3140
	H. B. McMillan	Greeley																														
	Samuel Edgar	Latakia, Syria																														
	John K. Robb	Tak Hing Chau, China																														
	T. J. Wilson	Boulder, Colo.																														
No. of Cong's....4	No. of Ministers..8	Totals...	13	15	21	17	3	23	265	*7	368	79	257	389	260	33	27	48	4	77	1788	12	22	11	170	16	7	4250		116	2045	9416

a—Adults, 1. b—Dry Colorado. c—Adult. d—Adult. e—Repairing church. *—3 Adults.

ILLINOIS

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase on Profession	Increase by Certificate	Decrease by Death	Decrease by Dismissal	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrollment	Young People's Society Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS																								Total
													Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Domestic Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Geneva College	Church Erection	Aged People's Home	National Reform	Witness Bearing	Temperance Fund	Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Students' Aid	Salary Paid by Congregation	Parsonage	Tithes	Miscellaneous						
Bethel	H. G. Foster	Sparta, Illinois	4	5	4	7	2	3	68	a4	105	20	$ 14	$13	$ 19	$ 2	$ 1	$ 2	$ 1	$	$ 1	$	$ 6	$ 6	$ 4	$ 1	$	$ 950	Yes	46	$ 693					$1715
Bloomington	J. M. Coleman	123 E. 8th, Bloomington, Ind.	5	8	3	6		3	120	1	b198	35	111	99	103	50	96	38	17	38	30	13	40	84	21	33	20	1200	No	79	1237					3230
Church Hill	R. K. Wisely, Cor.	Coulterville, Ill.	3	4	7	1	3	5	41	c6	36	15	15	10		23										6		401	No	15	133					582
Oakdale	W. O. Ferguson	Oakdale, Ill.	7	4	12	1	4	5	154	8	163	30	89	85	37	75	30	89	9	31	9	4	35	11				990	No		392					1802
Old Bethel	L. M. Patterson, Ccr.	Baldwin, Ill.	6	4				11	102	2	90	15	78	168	55	63	29	15	17	11	7	7	44	9	11	14		d825	Yes		696					2049
Princeton	M. S. McMillan	738 E. State St, Princeton, Ind	3	5	4	1	2		60	e2	45	15	57	58	29	15	19	13	5	9	4	4	10	14	2			587	Yes		314					1140
Selma	S. F. Kingston	822 Union St., Selma, Ala.	4	5	3	1		2	86	5	200	43	50	46	23					6	1		11	2	2			413	No	28	343					897
St. Louis	Geo. A. Edgar	4627 McMillan, St. Louis, Mo.	2	3		3		8	34		50		101	91	139	18	18	13	7	18	8	2		10	2	9	3	674	No		373					1486
	Geo. R. Steele	Burgettstown, Pa.																																		
No. of Cong's....8	No. of Ministers..7	Totals....	34	38	33	20	11	37	665	28	887	173	515	570	405	246	193	170	56	113	60	30	146	136	42	63	23	5950	3	168	4181					12899

a—Including 1 adult. b—Including missions. c—Including 2 adults. d—for 11 months. e—Including 1 adult.

IOWA

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase on Profession	Increase by Certificate	Decrease by Death	Decrease by Dismissal	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrolment	Young People's Society Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Domestic Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Geneva College	Church Erection	Aged People's Home	National Reform	Witness Bearing	Temperance Fund	Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Students' Aid	Salary Paid by Congregation	Parsonage	Tithers	Miscellaneous	Total
Chicago	Thos. C. McKnight.	6534 Champlain Ave	4	3		3		11	39		200		$ 24	$18	$ 21	$ 5	$ 5	$ 3	$ 2	$ 4	$ 3	$ 1	$	$ 5	$ 2	$ 3	$ 1	$1243			$ 603	$1943
Hickory Grove	D. C. Nichols, Cor.	Albia, Iowa	3	3					b17																							
Hopkinton	Geo. S. Coleman	Hopkinton, Iowa	7	3	4			4	90	2	58	21	130	45	27	11	11	4	6	5	6	2	42	8	4	6	4	1000	1	40	909	2220
Lake Reno	W. C. Allen	Glenwood, Minn.	5	5	1	2	1	4	71	6			35	25	10	9	9	9	7		4	2	5	5		2	2	a500	1		356	980
Morning Sun	H. G. Patterson	Morning Sun, Iowa	3	3	6	7	4	6	145		100	31	514	335	122	88	82	39	15	48	29	16	43	39	16	15	5	915	1	50	1206	3527
Rehoboth	S. O. Carson, Cor.	Crawfordsville, Iowa	3	2	1				36	1	31		100	77		56	27	22	5	4		8	38	5	7	10	5	455	1		670	1489
Sharon	E. L. McKnight	Morning Sun, Iowa	5	6	6		2	7	187	6	194	56	730	376	263	257	238	104	37	120	9	17	145	63	31	30	13	1000	1	49	1510	4943
Vernon	E. I. Dewey, Cor.	Mukwonago, Wis., R. D. 40.	2	3	5			8	34	1					5	4	3	3	2			2	7			1	2	533	1		140	702
Washington	S. E. Greer	221 E. Washington St., Washington, Iowa	4	4	2	1		2	56	2	50	19	161	120	16	36	37	9	8	35	15	5	68	12	6	8	6	1000		22	575	2117
	J. S. McGaw	209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.																														
	R. E. Willson	Mersine, Asia Minor																														
No. of Cong's....9	No. of Ministers..8	Totals...	36	32	25	13	7	42	675	18	633	127	1694	996	464	466	412	193	82	216	66	53	348	137	66	75	38	6646	6	161	5969	17921

a—Pulpit supply and salary. b—Estimated.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA

St. John	Mrs. W. Mullin, Cor.	72 Summer St., St. John, N.B.	1	7					23				$ 16	$11	$ 6	$	$ 3	$ 2	$ 2	$ 3	$107	$ 1	$	$ 3	$ 1	$ 2	$ 1	$ 370	Yes	4	$ 172	$ 703
Barnesville	W. J. Curry, Cor.	Barnesville, Kings Co., N.B.	2					1	19		20		3	3	10	3	3	3										155	Yes		10	187
Cornwallis	Thos. McFall	Somerset, Nova Scotia	4		3		4		49		20		58	24	40	10	10	17	5	15						5		400	No	3		584
No. of Cong's....3	No. of Ministers..1	Totals...	7	7	3		4	1	91		40		77	38	56	13	16	22	7	18	107	1		3	1	7	1	925	2	7	182	1474

KANSAS

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase on Profession	Increase by Certificate	Decrease by Death	Decrease by Dismissal	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrollment	Young People's Society Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Domestic Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Geneva College	Church Erection	Aged People's Home	National Reform	Witness Bearing	Temperance Fund	Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Students' Aid	Salary Paid by Congregation	Parsonage	Tithers	Miscellaneous	Total
Benlah	James T. Mitchell	Bostwick, Neb	3	3	0	0	1	1	62	5	80	20	$ 45	$35	$ 5	$32	$10	$24	$ 7	$ 5	$ 10	$ 7	$	$ 8	$ 5	$ 7	$ 8	$1000	Yes		$ 401	$1609
Billings	John M. Rutherford	Billings, Okla	4	3	4	1		7	57	3	75	28	21	14	9	6	7	5	2	7	7	2	10	11	4	5	3	600	No	9	85	798
Cache Creek	W. W. CarrithersSS.	Apache, Okla	3	5	11		1	3	107	11	250	34	190	190	125	50	50	30	17			10		60	45	42	8		No	14	131	948
Clarinda	H. G. McConaughy	R. R. 3, Clarinda, Iowa	6	6	5	2	1	7	125	4	150	20	653	460	203	60	146	188	44	146	45	26	61	55	92	44	34	1000	Yes	10	700	3957
Denison	Elmer G. Russell	Denison, Kan	6	6	2	6	2	1	130	a3	140	50	173	122	36	26	19	43	6	33	33	6	24	40	5	22	11	1000	No	60	646	2245
Eskridge	Wm. A. Aikin	Eskridge, Kan	8	4			1	1	113	2	107	25	16	56	29	29	23	36	17	9	9	5	9	10	8	17	7	800	No	10	456	1536
Hebron	J. R. W. Stevenson	Idana, Kan	2	3	11	9			84	5	107	21	152	59	31	22	12	40	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	8	7	900	No	33	266	1535
Kansas City	J. M. Wylie	4130 Mercier, Kansas C., Mo.	4	5	2	10	3	2	80		78	30	58	81	93	25	6	5	3	18	4	4	3	8	8	4	4	1362	No	36	424	2110
Long Branch	Paul Coleman	Blanchard, Iowa	5	5	2	2			97	9	100		176	214	32	16	13	9	9	13	12	11	17	17	7	8	7	900	Yes		588	2049
Olathe	W. C. McClurkin	521 E. Loula, Olathe, Kan.	3	6	2	3	5	3	143	a5	144	28	243	345	81	55	35	93	16	52	265	5	46	38	40	21	8	b300	No		1516	3159
Quinter	G. M. Robb	Quinter, Kan	6	5	1	7	2	5	f102	1	112	30	70	51	50	16	17	14	8	14	11	6	7	23	8	8	6	c438	No	62	222	969
Stafford	J. D. Edgar	Stafford, Kan	3	4	7	7			f 55	9	57	39	39	26	24	9	9	4	4	26	5	1	3	8	3	5	2	1000	No	37	750	1918
Sterling	J. G. McElhinney	Sterling, Kan	7	5	1	3	3	11	150	7	148	60	153	230	155	108	102	107	40	124	113	25	83	23	22	36	32	1242	No		1879	4474
Superior	Frank E. Allen	Superior, Neb	5	2	6	1	1	2	f 80	a6	80	25	55	55														1200	No		324	1634
Tabor	S. R. Wallace	Clay Center, Kan	2	3					f 40		60				9		4						2					540	No	20	74	629
Topeka	C. A. Dodds	922 Clay St., Topeka, Kan.	5		1	4		5	76	d	178	20	100	90	105	15	22	26	11	37	15	6	21	24	9	10	7	900	Yes	50	606	2004
Winchester	D. H. Elliott	Winchester, Kan	8	7	6	2	3	6	f216	13	246	60	1350	705	136	100	106	165	78	186	75	23	70	100	40	100	35	1200	Yes	146	1260	5723
eWahoo	S. H. Carlisle, Cor.	Wahoo, Neb	1	1					8																							
eLieb Mission Sta.	S. M. McCloy, Cor.	Lieb, Texas																														
Robstown Mis. Sta.	W. S. Fulton, S. S.	Robstown, Texas	1	0			3		11		18		4	5	3	56							5			2		320	No	8	35	380
	R. A. Boyd	Stafford, Kan																														
	Isaiah Faris	1018 West St., Topeka, Kan.																														
	D. H. Coulter	1410 W. 11th St., Topeka, Kan																														
	J. W. Dill	Sterling, Kan																														
	Geo. R. McBurney	Quinter, Kan																														
	A. J. McFarland	Mersine, Asia Minor																														
	J. Ralston Wylie	Lieb, Hutchinson Co., Tex.																														
	Owen F. Thompson	Apache, Okla																														
No. of Cong's....18	No. of Ministers.26	Totals....	82	73	61	57	26	54	1736	83	2130	490	3498	2738	1126	575	575	789	267	675	609	142	367	431	302	339	179	14702	5	495	10363	37677

a—Adults, 1. b—Three months. c—Ten months. d—Adults, 2. e—No report. f—Discrepancy in last year's report.

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Ryegate	R. H. Gates, Cor.	South Ryegate, Vt.	2	1	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	$ 32	$26	$ 21	$16	$15	$13	$ 8	$ 7	$	$ 3	$ 7	$10	$ 5	$ 5	$ 4	$ 173	0	8	$	$ 346
White Lake	John H. Pritchard	White Lake, N. Y.	3	4	0	0	3	1	38	0	105	0	23	37	14	12	12	12	12	8	7	7	15	8	7	20	15	550	0	22	234	993
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	44 S. Russell St., Boston, M...	3	4	2	0	1	1	66	1	60	0	75	5	20	39	2	2	10	5	25	1	150	50	15	1	1	1200	0	10	950	2514
Walton	A. A. Johnston	Walton, N. Y.	6	5	11	2	1	8	110	5	111	38	270	308	55	58	35	31	23	112	22	39	59	26	18	20	12	900	0	0	630	2618
First Newburg	John W. F. Carlisle	Newburg, N. Y.	4	2	3	0	2	4	127	4	124	45	260	183	0	117	57	26	9	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	1500	0	0	650	2943
Bovina	Thomas E. Graham	Bovina Center, N. Y.	4	3	2	0	2	2	58	0	65	0	101	68	37	19	20	11	9	17	12	3	0	18	6	12	4	750	0	0	13	350
Barnet	D. C. Faris	Box 38, R. F. D. 4, Groton, Vt.	5	2	0	1	0	3	51	3	90	0	105	28	7	9	10	5	4	7	5	2	9	9	3	5	2	625	0	0	157	992
Brooklyn	R. C. Montgomery	251 Putnam, Brooklyn, N. Y.	3	2	5	8	1	1	44	1	25	0	55	60	24	11	11	5	6	7	7	3	10	15	3	7	3	1200	0	18	327	1756
Third New York	F. M. Foster	305 W. 29th St., New York.	7	7	11	1	1	10	143	3	225	0	231	114	65	22	31	13	11	33	15	6	10	33	13	20	10	2500	0	0	2727	5854
West Hebron	S. G. Shaw	West Hebron, N. Y.	3	4	3	0	0	1	32	1	34	0	11	10	18	8	9	5	4	0	90	0	5	0	11	7	0	400	0	1	103	681
Montclair	A. J. Harding, Cor.	Montclair, New Jersey	2	3	0	0	0	0	18	1	40	0	39	46	15	8	8	4	4	6	5	2	0	8	3	5	2	0	0	7	603	758
Cambridge	Robert C. Reed	28 Maple, Cambridge, Mass.	3	6	7	3	1	4	70	4	99	50	8	28	22	2	2	5	0	9	20	0	0	0	5	0	0	1300	0	0	647	2048
Second New York	A. A. Samson	1182 Woodycrest Av., N. Y.	10	8	21	7	6	17	239	5	378	39	1061	797	310	241	212	114	48	656	82	23	109	101	37	77	36	2500	0	0	2997	9407
First Boston	W. J. McKnight	200 Willow, Somerville, Mass	4	2	1	0	0	6	85	0	45	0	60	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	1235	0	0	0	0	0	0	1500	0	0	57	2881
Caldenham	R. J. Dodds	Walden, N. Y.	3	3	1	3	2	1	55	1	65	17	13	11	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	600	Yes	19	147	801
Second Newburg	J. R. Thompson	Newburg, N. Y.	3	3	0	5	3	12	140	6	100	50	50	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	477	0	10	0	10	0	0	1200	0	0	429	2226
	R. M. Somerville	325 W. 56th St., N. Y.																														
	A. I. Robb	Tak Hing Chau, South China.																														
	Julius Kempf	Tak Hing Chau, South China.																														
	F. F. Reade	21 Bow St., Woburn, Mass.																														
	T. A. Rusk	Shelbourne Av., Londale, Pa.																														
	Walter McCarroll	Larnaca, Cyprus																														
	Thomas Patton	Morning Sun, Iowa																														
No. of Cong's....10	No. of Ministers. 21	Totals...	65	59	67	30	23	71	1288	35	1566	239	2394	1750	646	543	434	246	139	878	2152	91	394	278	136	179	89	16898	1	85	10671	37918

OHIO

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase on Profession	Increase by Certificate	Increase by Death	Decrease by Dismissal	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrollment	Young People's Society Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Domestic Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	General College	Church Erection	Aged People's Home	National Reform	Witness Bearing	Temperance Fund	Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Students' Aid	Salary Paid by Congregation	Parsonage	Tithers	Miscellaneous	Total
Belle Center	R. W. Piper	Belle Center, Ohio	2		3				29	1	25		$562	529	$	$	$	$ 1	$	$ 10	$	$	$	$	$ 7	$ 3	$	$ 250	1		$ 190	$1542
Bellefontaine	aJ. M. Faris	Bellefontaine, Ohio	2		2	2	3	5	26		19		20	14	7	7	8	4	3	4	5	4		7	3	3	2	308		6	89	488
Ray	D. O. Jack	Ray, Ind	4	1	2		1	5	81	c2	100	16	67	46	20	25	32	60	7	20			32	7	65	5	2	800			274	1465
Cedarville	W. R. Sterrett, Cor.	Cedarville, Ohio	2					5	31		28	7	43	27	43	18	9	4	6	6	4	3	10	4	6	6	4	477		10	64	734
Cincinnati	J. E. Huheey, Cor	R. 5, Batavia, Ohio	3	4	6		1		56	2	78	50	18	10	71	13	4			7		2	32	10		6	2	755	1	28	627	1556
Fairgrove	J. S. Wylie, Cor	Fairgrove, Mich	3	2					29																							
Hetherton	W. G. Robb	Hetherton, Mich	5	3	5	2		1	61		86	21	3	5						2	301			2				550		50	236	1090
Jonathan's Creek	J. C. George, Cor	White Cottage, Ohio	3	2					38		45		67	41	14	10	14	7	3	6	6	7	11	8	7	5	7	600		13	126	944
New Concord	John Coleman	New Concord, Ohio	5	4		1		2	c2	4	75		54	42	26	17	10	17	1	24	6	2	8	17	12	9	1	800		28	545	1601
Southfield	A. M. Cannon, Cor.	Birmingham, Mich	4	4				3	68	4	50		82	62	29	9	19	15	11	13	8	12	7	20	8	10	6	600		9	378	1286
United Miami	R. Hargrave	Huntsville, Ohio	5	5	2	3	2	3	115	4	125	50	156	183	45	40		21	12	30	15	12	22	18		8	13	800	1		337	1718
Utica	A. M. Thompson	Utica, Ohio	3	4		2	2	1	69		56		86	86	16	28	13	63		10			50	7	6	18		1000			672	2955
	E. C. Mitchell	New Concord, Ohio																														
	W. M. Robb	Bovina Center, N. Y																														
	W. J. Sanderson	Cedarville, Ohio																														
bLondonderry	S. W. Morrison, Cor.	Freeport, Ohio																														
bMuskingum and Tomica	John Robinson, Cor.	Dresden, Ohio																														
	T. C. Sproull	7317 Monticello, Pittsburg, P																														
No. of Cong's....12	No. of Ministers..11	Totals	41	39	29	10	9	25	684	17	687	144	1158	1045	271	176	119	189	48	128	345	45	152	100	107	70	37	6940	3	146	3578	11478

a—Stated supply. b—Mission station. c—Adults. 2.

PHILADELPHIA

First	McLeod M. Pearce	4322 Larchwood Av	6	5	9	1	2	4	175	2	118	40	$323	228	$ 70	$43	$43	$33	$27	$ 43	$ 18	$10	$ 51	$31	$11	$23	$10	$1800	No	not k'n	$196	$4728
Second	J. C. McFeeters	649 N. 22nd St	5		12	5	2	11	184	a7 c	133		605	97	404	32	32	40	16	30	19	24	1	28	10	19	7	2000	No	not k'n	2537	5901
Third	Findley M. Wilson	2517 N. Franklin St	6	4	24	2	2	b14	190	12	358	53	734	2608	2216	179	172	284	63	1345	84	49	2033	126	42	84	32	2100	No	70	3511	15662
Jewish Mission Sta.	R. A. Blair	4031 Locust St			7				7	d7	69	20	e5	e5				e601		e29												631
	E. J. Fuersohn	Schwenksville, Pa																														
No. of Cong's....3	No. of Ministers..5	Totals	17	9	52	8	6	b29	556	28	669	113	1667	2938	2690	254	247	958	106	1438	121	83	2085	185	63	126	49	5900		70	8012	26922

a—One adult. b—Eleven by purging roll. c—Seven adults. d—Seven adults. e—Given by friends who attend and help in Jewish Mission.

PACIFIC COAST

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Content	W. E. Taylor, Cor.	Delburne, Can.	4	3			1	3	20	1	34		$ 18	$19	$	$	$	$ 6	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 250	No	5	$ 50	$ 343
Hemet	J. S. Thompson	Hemet, Calif.	4	3	2	9		1	40	2	52	17	64	76	33	45	39	46	11	39	12	9	15	12	6	8	5	500	No	22	316	1230
Los Angeles	P. J. McDonald	906 E. 28th St.	4	3	3	13	1	10	90	a3	128	48	323	215	130	70	70	34	32	54	43	11	65	65	22	43	16	1400	No	39	923	3510
Portland	F. D. Frazer	1206 Haight Av.	2	2	2	2	1	1	27	a1	70		42	43	34	14	13	6	5	9	5	3		14	5	5	3	500	No	14	201	902
Regina	A. Alexander, Cor.	Box 290, Regina, Can.	5	4					b 63		b 56	b35																	No			
Santa Ana	G. N. Greer	120 E. 3rd St.	3	4	3	7		5	69	2	60	24	43	62	20	13	11	20	9	35	c	7	22	21	18	9	7	800	No	28	584	1681
Seattle	T. M. Slater	1805 Bellevue Av.	4	6	2	2	3		115	1	300	35	100	115	50	27	27	39	56	21	16	13		15	5	15	18	1400	No	25	1312	3190
Winnipeg	D. B. Elsey	455 Aikins St., N. E.	4	4	9	22			31	4	27		6	5	5	4	3	3	2	3	3	2		3				335	No	5	313	688
	J. M. Armour	123 Melrose, Seattle																														
	J. G. Reed	1508 Garnet St., Regina, Can.																														
No. of Cong's. 8	No. of Ministers. 7	Totals	28	29	21	55	6	20	455	14	727	159	686	535	272	173	16[illegible]	148	96	161	79	45	132	130	56	80	49	5185	0	138	3699	11659

a—One adult. b—Estimated. c—Contribution included in miscellaneous. d—Pastor elect.

ROCHESTER

Almonte	Jas. McCune	Almonte, Ont.	4	4	2			3	69	*4	60			$ c $146	163	$ 79	$	$	$	$22	$11	$ 21	$ 18	$ 7	$ 8	$23	$10	$19	$10	b$609	Yes	60	$ 398	$1635
Lisbon	Wm. Robson, Cor.	Lisbon, N. Y.	3	1			1		24	1	20			18	17		7	8	6	6							7		a390	Yes	3	46	505
Lochiel	J. R. Latimer	Brodie, Ont.	3	2	2	2	3	1	30	3	21			70	70	91	26	20	10	5		5			22	1	16		500	Yes	5	104	940
Syracuse	A. A. Wylie	109 Dougall, Syracuse, N.Y.	5	4	2	2	2	1	61		86	35		58	46	55	17	6	14	4	31	4	9	3	4	2	5	4	1200	No		602	2064
York	J. W. M. Hart, Cor	Piffard, N. Y.	5	d4	3			2	87	1	67	32		145	89	46	38	32	34	13	11	16	19	27	19	10	13	9	900	Yes	8	682	2491
	Wm. McFarland	204 W. Lafayette, Syracuse																														
	J. B. Gilmore	York, N. Y.																														
No. of Cong's. 5	No. of Ministers. 5	Totals	20	15	9	4	6	7	271	9	254	67		437	385	271	114	101	86	39	63	43	25	28	68	23	60	23	3689	4	76	1832	7298

a—Stated supply. b—$311 for supplies. c—$40 for famine relief. d—Trustees. *—One adult.

PITTSBURG

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Adamsville and Middletown	R.J.McCracken,Cor	R.D. 49, West Sunbury,Pa..	2		1			2	g20		21		$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 145	No	16	$	$ 145
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	1205 Boyle, Pittsburg, Pa..	5		5	2	2	7	132	c6	250	50	576	363	611	128	242	58	47	169	1217	253	56	94	36	113	24	2000	No	75	1738	7725
Bear Run and Mahoning	Jas. Graham, Cor..	Lockvale, Ind. Co., Pa.....	6					1	g44	5	30		27	20	11	18	12	15	5	2	1	1	3	9	8	8	5	290	Yes	2	17	450
Beaver Falls	J. Boyd Tweed	1001 8thAv,BeaverFalls,Pa	5	5	14	1	1	4	105	a13	250	45	38	71	18	16	14	12	11	16	6	11	10	13	7	5	7	1005	No	6	435	1755
Brookland	J. A. McElroy, Cor..	R. D. 2, Leechburg, Pa.....	2	1			1		19		18		3		3				2		2	3		3		2		150	No		42	210
Central Allegheny	John Yates	8 Lafayette, Pittsburg, Pa..	4		1			6	103	3	450	16	185	119	522	15	60	14	8	25	166	5	10	10	2	10	3	1600	No		1837	4531
Clarksburg	Rob't Henry, Cor..	Saltsburg, Pa.....	2	2					b12																							
College Hill	R. H. Martin	3400 4thAv,BeaverFalls,Pa	6	5	10	1	2	8	172	5	300	35	193	202	165	39	84	32	11	162	233	6	425	13	115	17	10	1500	No	25	1785	4992
*Connelsville	S. B. Houston, S.S..	Freeman Murphy, 410 High-land, Connellsville, Pa...	2	4	6	1			28	b15	112	53	3															101	No		28	132
Geneva	J. C. Slater	415 31st St.,BeaverFalls,Pa	6	8	8	2	2	11	g97	1	190	39	148	126	59	36	43	18	9	16	1530	15	12	38	13	18	7	1200	Yes	35	981	4269
East End	E. K. Patton	2518.St.Clair,EE.Pittsburg.	6	7	5	4			g78		58	20	25	74	25	39	42	22	10	23	10	14	6	8	4	12	9	1025	No	10	806	2154
*Faith	T. S. Trumbull	2222 Farmers' Bank Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.....	2	2					27																							
LittleBeaver	E. M. Elsey	New Galilee, Pa.....	4	6	2	2	1	6	58		51	18	20				12	15					50	11		18		750	Yes		643	1519
McKeesport and Monongahela	C. McCartney, Cor.	McKeesport, Pa.....	2						21																							
Mercer	W. T. K. Thompson	240 S. Erie St., Mercer, Pa	4	5		3		4	64		55		45	53	57	99	97	17	4	10	4	3	3	26	4	6	5	700	No	26	176	1309
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	R. D. 2, McDonald, Pa.....	3		3		1		g48		45		206	193	131	89	106	37	16	178	21	5	46	32	12	21	8	800	No	15	393	2294
New Alexandria	D. C. Matthews	New Alexandria, Pa.....	7	3			3	2	g104	2	128	30	204	188	136	89	65	28	14k	1020	20	11	154	24	4	18	10	1000	Yes		j1408	4483
New Castle	S. J. Johnston	605 Oak St., New Castle, Pa.	5	9	1	1	4	8	171	2	231	45	200	73	74	91	31	50	31	26	129	15	126	20	56	22	14	1350	Yes	77	903	3301
North Union	D. N. Crowe, Cor..	R. D. 29, Renfrew, Pa.....	3		1		1	6	16	4								2	4			10				3		300		2	5	324
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	318 Shaw, New Castle, Pa...	1	1					8				10			10				5			50			5		50		3	140	270
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa.....	2						17		25		29	18	12	11	10	6	5	4	5	105	8	6	3	8	3	250	No		63	546
Union	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa.....	3	3	3		2	4	52		50		54	39	11	12	18	4	6	4	4	2	3	6	1	6	2	255	Yes		216	642
Reheboth	S. J. White, Cor...	Mosgrove, Pa.....	5		1		1		25		20		2	2	2	2												225	No		32	265
Parnassus	Robert Park	Box 141, Parnassus, Pa....	6	3	3		1	4	81	4	100	20	172	103	20	22	40	54	2	34		20	46	21	1			1200	Yes		809	2544
Pittsburg	T. H. Acheson	117WMcIntyre,NS.Pittsb'g	5	7	4	3	5	6	191	f5	60	40	545	456	413	108	162	40	68	252	92	33	1055	10	5	65	35	2000	No		3499	8829
Slippery Rock	S.B.McElwain,Cor..	R. D. 83, Portersville, Pa..	2	2			1	2	g42					32	25		25			60									Yes	12	560	702

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Wilkinsburg	R. J. G. McKnight,	810 S Av., Wilkinsburg, Pa.	4		12	2	1	1	152	c5	d180	73	510	465	252	115	262	62	56	104	70	18	136	101	36	71	27	1900	eYes		2437	6622
Youngstown	J. M. Johnston	1023Hawthorn,Youngst'n,O	3	3	3		1	4	60	2	130	26	7	13			12	5		29					10			750	No	42	718	1544
	R. C. Allen	Grove City, Pa																														
	T. J. Allen	Beaver Falls, Pa																														
	J. C. K. Faris	238Alice, SS, Pittsburg, Pa.																														
	W. H. George	Beaver Falls, Pa																														
	W. P. Johnston	Beaver Falls, Pa																														
	Geo. Kennedy	Beaver Falls, Pa																														
	J. S. Martin	Beaver Falls, Pa																														
	D. C. Martin	401 N. Highland, Pittsburg.																														
	S. M. Morrow	Blanchard, Iowa																														
	T. A. McElwain	R. D. 6, New Castle, Pa.																														
	A. J. McFarland, Sr.	Beaver Falls, Pa																														
	R. J. Isaac	Beaver Falls, Pa																														
	J. L. Pinkerton	Wanpaca, Wis.																														
	B. M. Sharp	408Penn Bldg,Pittsburg,Pa.																														
	J. S. Stewart	Latakia, Syria																														
	D. R. Taggart	Tak Hing Chau, China																														
	D. B. Willson	Buena Vista St, NS, Pittsburg																														
	J. R. Wylie	Beaver Falls, Pa																														
	R. C. Wylie	119WMcIntyre,NS,Pittsb'g																														
	I. A. Blackwood	2767 Zephyr, Pittsburg, Pa.																														
	Robert Clarke	Beaver Falls, Pa																														
	P. P. Boyd	6842 McPherson, Pittsburg.																														
No. of Cong's ...28	No. of Ministers. 40	Totals	107	76	83	22	29	87	1948	72	2754	510	3202	2610	2547	939	1337	489	309	2139	3450	530	2199	445	317	428	169	20546	9	346	19902	61558

*—Organized since last meeting of Synod. a—Adults, 7. b—Adults, 10. c—Adults, 2. d—Chinese, 12. e—Not occupied by pastor. f—Adult, 1. g—Discrepancy in last year's report. h—Last year's report. j—Dismissed 26 to organize Faith cong. j—Cong. endowment. k—Endowment, $1000.

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Colorado	4	8	13	15	21	17	3	23	265	7	368	79	$ 257	$ 89	$200	$ 33	$ 27	$ 48	$ 4	$ 77	1788	$ 12	$ 22	$ 11	$170	$ 16	$ 7	$4250		116	$2045	$ 9416
Illinois	8	7	34	38	33	20	11	37	665	28	887	173	515	570	405	246	193	170	56	113	60	30	146	136	42	63	23	5950	3	168	4181	12899
Iowa	9	8	36	32	25	13	7	42	675	18	633	127	1694	996	464	466	412	193	82	216	66	53	348	137	66	75	38	6646	6	161	5969	17921
Kansas	18	26	82	73	61	57	26	54	1736	83	2130	490	3498	2738	1126	575	575	789	267	675	609	142	367	431	302	339	179	14702	5	495	10363	37677
New York	16	21	65	59	67	30	23	71	1288	35	1566	239	2394	1750	646	543	434	246	139	878	2152	91	394	278	136	179	89	16898	1	85	10671	37918
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia	3	1	7	7	3		4	1	91		40		77	38	56	13	16	22	7	18	107	1		3	1	7	1	925	2	7	182	1474
Ohio	12	11	41	29	20	10	9	25	684	15	687	144	1158	1045	271	176	119	189	48	138	345	45	152	100	107	70	37	6940	5	146	3538	14478
Pacific Coast	8	7	28	29	21	55	6	20	455	14	727	159	686	535	272	173	163	148	96	161	79	45	102	130	56	80	49	5185		138	3699	11059
Philadelphia	33	35	17	9	32	8	6	29	556	28	669	113	1067	2938	2690	254	247	958	106	1438	121	83	2085	185	63	126	49	5900		70	8012	26922
Pittsburg	27	40	107	76	83	22	29	87	1948	72	2754	510	3202	2610	2547	939	1337	489	309	2139	345	530	2199	445	317	428	169	20546	9	346	19902	61558
Rochester	5	5	20	15	5	4	6	7	271	9	254	67	437	385	271	114	1 1	85	39	63	43	26	38	68	23	60	23	3689	4	76	1872	7298
Mission in Syria									376																						
Mission in China																															
Totals	114	159	459	382	391	236	130	396	8624	309	10715	2101	15585	13994	9008	5532	3621	3338	1153	5916	8820	1058	5853	1924	1283	1443	664	91631	33	1808	70394	239220

BOARDS OF THE CHURCH.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD—

Term Expires

James S. Tibby, James A. McAteer, James H. McBurney...1916
John M. Allen, Wm. Blair, Oliver Wylie.....1917
Daniel C. Martin, Geo. A. McKee, Wm. J. Ward.....1918

Stated meetings in room 408 Penn Building, Pittsburg, Pa., on second Thursday of February, May, August and November.

President, Geo. A. McKee, 955 Liberty Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

Secretary and Treasurer, James S. Tibby, 408 Penn Building, Pittsburg, Pa.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD— Term Expires

Rev. R. C. Montgomery, D. D.; S. A. S. Metheny, M. D.; W. G. Carson, and Joseph M. Steele.....1916
Rev. R. M. Sommerville, D. D.; Rev. A. A. Samson, Rev. M. M. Pearce, D. D.; Rev. J. W. F. Carlisle, Rev. R. A. Blair, and Henry O'Neil.....1917
Rev. F. M. Foster, Ph. D.; Rev. J. C. McFeeters, D. D.; Rev. F. M. Willson, D. D.; R. J. Bole, and S. R. Boggs.....1918

Stated meetings alternately in New York and Philadelphia on the last Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November.

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Rev. T. H. Acheson, D. D.; Rev. R. J. G. McKnight, Ph. D.; S. G. Conner, Rev. John Yates, Rev. J. C. Slater.....1916
Rev. W. J. Coleman, D. D.; Rev. R. C. Wylie, D. D.; A. C. Coulter, R. W. Wallace 1917
Rev. Robert Clarke, Rev. R. H. Martin, Rev. E. K. Patton, Mr. James S. Tibby.....1918

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President, Rev. S. G. Conner, McDonald, Pa., R. F. D. No. 2.

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JEWISH MISSION BOARD— Term Expires

Rev. R. C. Montgomery, D. D.; S. A. S. Metheny, M. D.; John Buchanan. 1916
Rev. F. M. Willson, D. D.; Rev. M. M. Pearce, D. D.; Ralph Duncan, J. R. Bell.....1917

Rev. J. C. McFeeters, D. D.; Wm. G. Carson, and Daniel Adams. 1918

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